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ITALY'S NEW STAR

There is nothing flashy about Francesco Molinari except for the players he keeps beating. He was a forgotten figure in the final round of the British Open because of the star power around him.

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Steel tariffs are barriers to energy industry's growth

■ Trump administration needs to rethink its strategy; current policy is harming more U.S. companies than it is helping

By Chris Tomlinson
Houston Chronicle

■ COMMENTARY

Only two barriers stand in the way of Texas' continued growth: a labor shortage and President Donald Trump's tariffs on imported steel.

The energy industry needs steel as it sets records for oil and gas production. It needs pipe to drill wells in the Permian Basin and Eagle Ford Shale and pipe to carry the crude oil, natural gas and other products to Gulf Coast markets. Trump's tariffs on imported steel puts this productive piece of the American energy renaissance in limbo.

Last month, producers drilled 1,436 new wells across the country, with the Permian and the Eagle Ford leading the way, according to the Energy Information Administration. Each well goes thousands of feet into the ground and then stretches horizontally through shale rock for a mile or more, requiring tons of steel.

Production in the Permian is exceeding pipeline capacity. Oil companies are trying to track down rail cars and tanker trucks to haul their crude, but the lack of takeaway capacity is suppressing prices and discouraging new investment and economic growth.

"Crude oil pipelines out of the Permian are filled to capacity," wrote Taylor Robinson, a pipeline industry analyst at RBN Energy. "Even wads of cash may not be enough to quickly round up the hundreds — thousands? — of trucks and drivers that would be required to make a significant dent in the Permian's takeaway shortfall."

The industry needs thousands of miles of new pipelines, but the Trump administration has made affordable steel challenging to find by capping imports from South Korea, the industry's biggest supplier, and slapping a 25 percent tariff on other imports.

Gov. Greg Abbott wrote Trump last month asking him to exclude oil pipe.

"If the new tariffs continue to drive up the cost of oil and gas production," he wrote, "America's quest for global energy dominance could be significantly hindered."

Last week, though, the Trump administration denied an exclusion request from Plains All American, which is building a $1.1 billion, 526-mile pipeline from the Permian Basin to Corpus Christi. Executives said the 16-inch pipe specified was unavailable from U.S. manufacturers.

Berg Steel Pipe Corp. in Florida opposed the exclusion, saying it could supply a similar product made with a different

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STRYKER'S HOT WORKOUT

Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

David Hernandez, master sports performance coach with Pride Performance.Biz, works with Stryker Blevins on Monday afternoon at Memorial Stadium. Blevins, a first baseman, is working on balance, flexibility and body control during the hot summer days. Monday's high was 105; today's forecast calls for a high of 93. For more about the stifling heat gripping the Southwest with temperatures as high as 120, see story on Page 8A.

Software to incorporate management system for county clerks

By Simone Jasper
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Midland County soon will have a software program to integrate its case management system and make electronic filing more efficient. Commissioners on Monday approved purchasing the TechShare software program, which will cost the county more than $900,000.

Midland County can get a return on its investment when more counties join the program, according to Commissioner Robin Donnelly of Precinct 2.

TechShare brings "improved efficiency, productivity, document management, and compliance with state regulations," according to a description on a webpage for the Texas Conference of Urban Counties.

"This is in response to counties saying that the available computer software did not fully address all of the problems and requirements that each county has," Donnelly said. "The counties participate in the development of this."

Midland County officials will be able to give input to TechShare so that the program can fit their needs, according to Donnelly. He said county data will have to be examined before the program is implemented locally.

Midland County already purchased TechShare's prosecutor package and uses its juvenile case management program. The county is adding a jail package and a district and county clerk court management system.

"The case management systems are set up to be able to interface with other systems so that you can the draw information from one system and put it into another," Donnelly said.

The court management software totals $479,832, the commissioner said. The cost for the jail package will be divided into two parts — $271,495 in fiscal year 2018 and $178,431 the following fiscal year. The money comes from the IT budget.

Also on Monday, commissioners:

- tabled a decision about purchasing physical security, network cabling and IT infrastructure equipment for the downtown library. The building is undergoing a months-long renovation with a goal of reopening before the holiday season.
- approved moving back a fence on North County Road 1130 that is not in line with others in the area. Donnelly said the county has liability if something hits the fence. The vote came after nearly 30 minutes of discussion about the matter.

City Council to discuss need for royalties advisory board

From staff reports

The Midland City Council could decide today to create a board that would help determine how to use revenue generated by royalties.

Spencer Robnett previously mentioned the concept to his fellow council members, but today, the council will discuss, and could decide, whether a Royalty Allocation Advisory Board is needed.

The city expects that city government will capture more revenue from royalties. Council members have said previously that Hogan Park is one such area. The royalties will vary from year to year, but council members have said it is possible the city could collect $10 million or more in one year from someone else's drilling.

New revenue means opportunity, and Robnett believes a committee could provide recommendations to the City Council as to the use of funds generated by the lease of city-owned minerals. He said the decision would be made by the council.

The board, according to the city, will be comprised of seven members. Representatives of District 1-4 would select one each. The two at-large council members would elect one and the entire council would appoint the final two board members. Those selected would serve two-year terms.

Any member may be removed by a majority vote of the Midland City Council at any time for any reason, according to information from the council.

Jeff Sparks told the Reporter-Telegram last week he doesn't think a board like this is necessary. He believes representatives already communicate with constituents and creating a board like this might add an unneeded step as the city prepares for rapid growth.

Sparks said if the council doesn't accept the royalty board's recommendation, members may question what their role is. He also said it is hard to get people to volunteer for government boards.

Council members don't always agree on community priorities. Some may see a need in putting money toward parks, and others may want to fund road and infrastructure. Some residents may want to pay down debt; others may not see a need to spend money on capital expenditures.

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$1 billion is needed to help Texas students attend college. Page 2B

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CRIMEBRIEFS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Man arrested on assault charge

Miller

A Midland man was arrested July 15 after allegedly assaulting a woman, according to court documents.

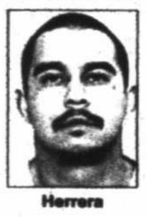
Daryn Gerard Miller, 52, was being held Friday on a $10,000 bond for a third-degree felony charge of assault of a family/house member by impeding breath/circulation.

Midland police were dispatched July 15 in reference to a disturbance.

Miller allegedly grabbed a woman by the throat and shoved her into a TV. The woman fell onto a bed before Miller forced her face into the mattress, impeding her breathing, according to his arrest affidavit.

If convicted of the third-degree felony charge, Miller could face up to 10 years imprisonment.

2 men charged in triple shooting in Odessa



Herrera

Gomez

Two men have been charged in connection with a triple shooting that occurred on Saturday in Odessa, according to a press release from the Odessa Police Department.

Antonio Herrera, 27, and Pedro Antonio Gomez, 26, have been charged with three counts of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, a second-degree felony.

Odessa police responded at about midnight Saturday to the 2000 block of West Fifth Street in reference to multiple gunshot victims.

Three people — a 22-year-old female, a 49-year-old male and a 28-year-old male — sustained serious bodily injury as a result of the shooting and were transported to Medical Center Hospital, according to the release.

Witnesses told police either Gomez or Herrera pulled out a handgun and fired 10 to 15 shots after an altercation with several people, according to the release.

Gomez and Herrera fled the scene before police arrived.

Herrera was arrested in the 9800 block of West 23rd Street. Gomez turned himself in to U.S. Customs in El Paso, according to the release.

Man arrested on sexual assault charge

Ramirez

A Midland man was arrested July 16 after sexually assaulting a woman, according to court documents.

Juan Augustine Ramirez, 36, was being held Friday on a $75,000 bond for a second-degree felony charge of sexual assault.

Midland police were dispatched at bout 6 p.m. July 16 in reference to a disturbance.

The victim told officers Ramirez raped her, according to his arrest affidavit.

If convicted of the second-degree felony charge, Ramirez could face up to 20 years imprisonment.

Midlander dies in 2-vehicle wreck in Ector County

From staff reports

A 28-year-old Midland man died Saturday in a two-vehicle wreck on U.S. Highway 385, 6.5 miles south of Odessa, according to a press release from the Texas Department of Public Safety.

Cody L. Engle was driving a Ford F-250 northbound on U.S. 385 behind a Cub Cadet truck tractor. Engle failed to control his speed and hit the truck in the rear, according to the release.

Engle was transported to an Odessa hospital, where he died. He was not wearing a seat belt, according to the release.

The truck tractor driver, a 22-year-old man from Keyes, California, was not injured.

OTHERDEATHS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

NEW HAMPSHIRE

Nicholas 'Duffy' Fudge of 'Wicked Tuna' TV show dies

GREENLAND — Nicholas "Duffy" Fudge, a fisherman who was part of the cast of the reality television show "Wicked Tuna," has died. He was 28.

The Remick & Gendron Funeral Home confirmed to The Associated Press that Fudge, of Greenland, New Hampshire, died Thursday. A cause of death was not released.

The National Geographic Channel show follows several Gloucester, Massachusetts-based boats that try to land bluefin tuna, which can weigh hundreds of pounds and fetch tens of thousands of dollars.

Duffy was the first mate on Capt. Tyler McLaughlin's fishing vessel, Pinwheel. He also appeared on a spinoff series, "Wicked Tuna: Outer Banks." He began tuna fishing as a child with his father and grandfather.

National Geographic posted on Facebook that it joins Duffy's family and friends in mourning his "untimely loss."

NEW YORK

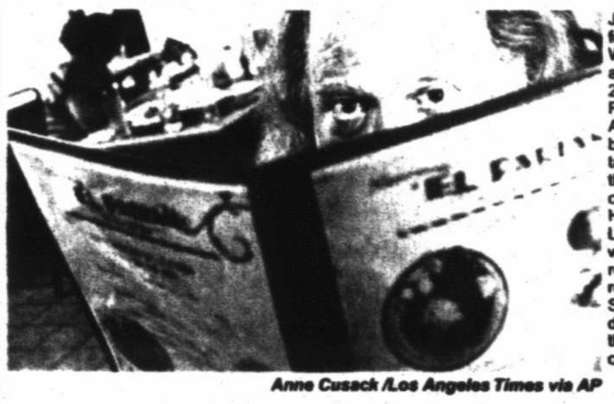
Longtime Giants beat writer Palladino dies

Ernie Palladino, a sports writer who covered the New York Giants for more than 20 years of a journalistic career that spanned almost four decades, has died. He was 63.

Palladino, who wrote two books, including one that focused on Vince Lombardi and Tom Landry launching their coaching careers working for the Giants, died on Saturday after fighting cancer for more than a decade.

After attending Fordham University, Palladino began his career with the Journal News in Westchester 38 years ago. He also was a blogger, teacher and freelance writer for many newspapers and organizations, including The Associated Press.

Palladino never hesitated to take young writers under his wing, showing them the ropes and sharing information to help them out.



Jonathan Gold, a food critic for L.A. Weekly, poses for a portrait June 7, 2010, at El Parian Restaurant in Los Angeles. Gold, who became the first restaurant critic to win the Pulitzer Prize for criticism, has died. He was 57. The Los Angeles Times, where Gold most recently worked, reported that he died Saturday after being diagnosed earlier this month with pancreatic cancer.

Anne Cusack /Los Angeles Times via AP

Jonathan Gold elevated the art of restaurant criticism

By Robin Abcarian
Los Angeles Times

■ COMMENTARY

LOS ANGELES—Few things truly connect our sprawling metropolis: the freeways, the Los Angeles Times and without a doubt, Jonathan Gold, who transcended the role of restaurant critic to become a modern-day ethnographer. His gift was his ability to explain the tribes of this place to each other by celebrating the things they cook and eat.

"Real life occurs, of course, in the parts of town where guys at the gas station speak Korean and where the streets intersect at 90-degree angles to one another, and where the possibilities are as infinite as the extended coastal plain," he wrote in The Times' Sunday magazine in 1990.

Bite by bite, Jonathan, who died Saturday at 57, tasted the infinite possibilities of this extended coastal plain. His love for exploring the region behind the wheel of his truck was almost as intense as his love for eating.

"I am fond of driving long distances on surface streets," he wrote in that 1990 essay, "coursing down the 40-mile length of Rosemead Boulevard from Pasadena until it disappears into a traffic circle deep in Long Beach, cruising down Slauson from the Marina to Whittier, or up the old Sierra Highway toward Lancaster, passing endless low stucco buildings and hundreds of tiny malls, mom 'n' pop truck stops and original-issue diners, 24-hour steakhouses and blinking neon drive-ins, seedy cantinas waiting for a fistfight to break out, ethnic enclaves strung along the boulevards like colorful beads on taut skeins of thread."

Reading him, you could learn as much about Los Angeles' immigrant communities as you could about food. In 2012, for the 20th anniversary of the L.A. riots, Jonathan reflected on how the upheaval had affected restaurant life. He started with a paean to his old neighborhood, Koreatown:

"The neighborhood — the diversity of the neighborhood — may have been what drove me to write about food in the first place. Immediately before the riots there had been restaurants from 14 regions within a few minutes' walk from my apartment. Not just the Korean, Mexican and Japanese places you might have expected, but restaurants from Sumatra, Thailand, Guatemala, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Holland, Colombia, Nicaragua, Japan and Peru among others — all coexisting, all more or less delicious. It's one thing to decide whether you feel like burgers or pizza for dinner; another to choose between bangus, empek-empek or brains masala."

Until I began reading Jonathan, I knew nothing of the San Gabriel Valley's Hong Kong seafood scene. I gave little thought to birria — the savory goat stew of Central Mexico — until I read Jonathan's take on a restaurant called El Parian in L.A.'s Pico-Union neighborhood. I could not have defined "congee" until he extolled its virtues in a 2014 review of the Hollywood pop-up restaurant Porridge and Puffs.

"It is easy to laugh at the idea of a porridge-intensive restaurant," he wrote, "until you taste a spoonful of the rice porridge with pickles and jam: an arrangement of herbs, fermented mustard greens and a spoonful of a sharp, lemongrass-infused chile condiment as dazzling in its complexity as anything coming out of the most famous kitchens in town."

Jonathan was an unusually generous critic. He could make a restaurant but he would never break one.

Unlike so many restaurant critics who seemed to derive pleasure from composing the clever and quotable put-down (as, for instance, New York Times critic Pete Wells, who infamously compared the soup at Manhattan's high-end Per Se to "bong water"), Jonathan was never unkind.

This empathy did not lessen his impact as a critic; on the contrary, it conferred a kind of superlegitimacy on him, as chefs knew that he knew what they were trying to do, even when they fell short.

"Jonathan appreciated having fans," said Alice Short, a former Times assistant managing editor who edited Jonathan after he returned to the paper in 2012, "but his real love affair was with the people who cooked."

In May, Alice attended one of The Times' Food Bowl dinners at restaurateur Sang Yoon's (of Lukshon and Father's Office) test kitchen in Culver City, which included a conversation between Jonathan and the chef. "They brought out the best in each other," Alice said. "Jonathan was very familiar with what the chef did, and the chef was familiar with what Jonathan was doing."

Jonathan and I were colleagues, on and off, for almost 30 years. We did not know each other well and never socialized, but I, like so many other food-loving Angelenos, watched with fascination as his career blossomed.

He bounced around a bit — his writing career began at the L.A. Weekly (where he would win his Pulitzer Prize in 2007). In the 1990s, in his first stint with The Times, he brought with him the "Counter Intelligence" column he'd started at the Weekly, about unsung restaurants in unglamorous parts of town.

He also was part of a trio of columnists — Patt Morrison and the late Wanda Coleman — who took turns writing a column called "Three on the Town" for The Times magazine. His food columns were always personal, but these pieces were even more intimate.

He wrote of spending too much time at the Los Angeles Zoo, of proposing to his wife in front of the meerkat enclosure. He wrote about his frustrated career in punk rock. His high-minded takes on pop culture sometimes came across as a hipper-than-thou pose, but the plain truth is that he was the hippest guy in the room. It was no pose.

Years later, thanks to his extraordinary range and the first Pulitzer Prize awarded to a food critic, Jonathan became a god in the food world. That would have been burden enough, but he also became a linchpin of the L.A. Times' survival plan for the digital age, headlining splashy annual food events like The Taste and putting out the annual "Jonathan Gold's 101 Best Restaurants" guide. It may not have been fair to put so much pressure on a single journalist — albeit a spectacularly talented one — but he was The Times' marquee name.

Through Alice, I came to appreciate Jonathan's astonishing intellect and his almost pathological difficulty with deadlines.

"I don't think his writing came easy," Alice told me Friday when we learned he was close to death. "If he was late, it was not like he was sitting around twiddling his thumbs. He was trying to write something important every time."

I say this with admiration: Jonathan could be weird, very weird. He once aspired to be a performance artist. A naked performance artist.

In an interview with "This American Life" host Ira Glass, he reminisced about the time he rented a warehouse in West Los Angeles for a performance piece. He scattered dead chickens around the floor, then tethered to his waist a live chicken he'd gotten at a Chinese market. He and the hen were separated by three feet of rope. He blindfolded himself and wildly swung a machete for 10 minutes until he was spent. Miraculously, the chicken survived.

Jonathan cleaned up the mess and took the chicken home, where it lived on the top of his refrigerator for six months, eating Green Giant canned corn. While the hen watched from the fridge, Jonathan tried out hundreds of chicken recipes.

This story prompted Jonathan to share a second story that illustrated his willingness to go to shocking culinary extremes, not just for the love of food but for metaphysical reasons.

As Jonathan relayed it to Glass, after a mediocre meal at a Korean restaurant called Living Fish Center, he realized that he had overlooked the house specialty. He ordered it. The chef, Jonathan said, reached into a tank full of live prawns, plucked one out, removed its exoskeleton and served it.

"The head was intact and the tail was still on," Jonathan told Glass, "but the middle part was naked like a grub. I picked up this prawn with my chopsticks … it was extremely alive and it was wiggling its legs and it was wiggling its antennas and its eyes were swiveling madly on its eyestalks, and it was looking back at me seeing me as actually the predator, the creature that was going to eat it. … I don't think I want to do that again."

Glass wondered whether eating a living creature somehow made the mundane act of eating "sacred."

"One of the greatest metaphors of Western civilization is that of Christ who gave his life so others might live," Jonathan replied. "I don't want to be sacrilegious or belittle that myth in any way. But a pig is giving its life so that we might live. … The least we can do is think about that chicken, about that calf we are eating, not necessarily to be sad for it, but to celebrate it."

One of his last pieces for The Times was the quintessential Jonathan Gold story: what to eat while watching the Mexico vs. South Korea World Cup match.

"The Los Angeles area is home to the second-largest Mexican community in the world, second only to Mexico City," he wrote. "It is also home to the largest Korean community outside Korea. As Angelenos, most of us have spent a fair amount of time in Mexican restaurants. We eat a lot of Korean food too. At Roy Choi's Kogi trucks, and at the imitators of the Kogi trucks, we eat a lot of Korean-Mexican food too — kimchi quesadillas and hot dogs with sesame mayo, but mostly the tacos stuffed with things like galbi or gochujang-sauced chicken and condiments that neatly split the difference between panchan and salsa bar.

"It tastes like Mexico! It tastes like Korea! It tastes like Los Angeles!"

I can imagine no better swan song from Jonathan Gold, whose curiosity, taste buds and virtuosic prose have come to define our region — and make us all feel part of the same wondrous cultural kaleidoscope — as no writer has ever done.

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Death Notices

Cody Lyn Engle

Cody Lyn Engle, 27 of Midland, passed away Saturday, July 21, 2018. The family will accept guests from 7:00 p.m.- 9:00 p.m., Wednesday, July 25, 2018 at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home in Midland.

Funeral Services will be at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 26, 2018 at West Texas Cowboy Church in Gardendale. Interment will follow at Serenity Memorial Gardens in Midland. He is survived by his wife, Crystal Engle and parents, Toby & Tammy Engle

Joe Martinez

Joe Martinez of Odessa, Texas passed away Friday, July 20, 2018

Funeral Service will take place at St. Elizabeth's Catholic Church at 1:00 pm with Mark Woodruff officiating. Burial to follow at Ector County Cemetery.

Billionaire, former UNC System president dies at age 86

By Emery P. Dalesio and Jonathan Drew
Associated Press

RALEIGH, N.C. — Billionaire philanthropist C.D. Spangler Jr., who led North Carolina's university system for more than a decade, has died. He was 86.

Spangler died Sunday, according to the University of North Carolina System.

Spangler became president of the system in 1986 and led it for 11 years, working to keep tuition low and championing its role as an economic driver for the state.

The current president of the 17-campus system, Margaret Spellings, said that Spangler, also known as "Dick," helped to "change lives and transform a state."

"The first in his family to go to college, Dick never forgot who our public universities were meant to serve," she said in a statement. "North Carolina is the prosperous, growing state that it is because of principled leaders like Dick."

One of the wealthiest men in North Carolina, Spangler is estimated to have amassed a fortune of approximately $4 billion through family companies and his leadership of National Gypsum, according to Forbes magazine. He served as chairman of the company that makes wallboard and other building products after leading investors who bought it in the 1990s.

During an interview at the end of his tenure as system president, the Charlotte native said low tuition was a factor in his ability to attend the University of North Carolina from 1950 to 1954, becoming the first in his family to go to college. He also attended Harvard Business School.

"Low tuition is not a gift," Spangler told The Associated Press in 1997. "It's an investment in these students. They go to work and pay that back over a lifetime. I sense what that means to the people of the state."

The university system said that Spangler also implemented minimum admissions requirements and athletic reforms. He helped increase the system's budget as well as external funding for research.

Away from UNC, Spangler showed his commitment to public education by sending his children to public high school and "making that okay for other prominent white families," said Anthony Foxx, a former Charlotte mayor and U.S. transportation secretary.

"He understood our society well and took responsibility for making it better," Foxx said on Twitter. "He did so humbly — at least as humbly as any billionaire could do anything."

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gumption
[GUMP-shun]
noun
1: chiefly dialectal : common sense, horse sense
2: enterprise, initiative

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Things to do

■ Author signing: "West Texas Lore and Legend" with Permian Basin Bookies authors. 6-8 p.m., Sibley Nature Center, 1307 E. Wadley Ave. sibleynaturecenter.org.

■ Cooking with your Kids workshop for parents and children 5 and older, 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Blessed to be Cooking, 6112 Highway 349. $10. eventbrite.com.

■ Orin Swift Wine Dinner is a multiple course meal with wine pairings. 7-10 p.m., Opal's Table, 223 W. Wall St. $85 with wine pairing, $45 sans wine. opalstable.com.

■ West Texas Legends in Line dancing classes for all levels, 7 p.m., Midland Senior Center, 3303 W. Illinois Ave. meetup.com/crossingthelinewesttexas.

■ Zumba Party. 6 p.m., Love to Dance Studio, 2917 JBS Parkway, Odessa. $5. lovetodancestudio.com.

■ Intro to Dance teaches the fundamentals of eight different styles of dance. 7 p.m., Love to Dance Studio, 2917 JBS Parkway, Odessa. $45 individuals, $75 couples. lovetodancestudio.com.

■ Permian Basin Dance Club with live country music, 7:30 p.m., Midland Downtown Lions Club, 200 Plaza St. $6. 638-3707.

■ Palette Club Painting, 9 a.m. to noon, the Palette Club. 907 W. Wadley Ave. paletteclub-midland.com.

■ Gardening on the Cheap by Permian Basin Master Gardeners. 6-9 p.m., West Texas Food Bank, 411 S. Pagewood Ave., Odessa. $5. westtexasgardening.org.

■ Dog Tales. Children can read aloud to certified therapy dogs. 2-3 p.m., Midland County Public Library Centennial branch, 2511 W. Loop 250 N.

■ Evening Family Storytime offers songs, stories and literacy activities for ages 2 to 6 and their caregivers. 4:30 p.m., Midland County Public Library Centennial branch, 2503 W. Loop 250 N.

■ Bingo, 6 p.m., the Tall City VFW Post 7208, 1306 E. Taylor Ave. Children welcome.

■ Bridge game play, 1 p.m., Allison Bridge Center, 913 W. Wadley Ave. $6. 682-8595.

■ Live Trivia by Challenge Entertainment. 7 p.m., Basin Burger House, 607 N. Colorado St.

■ Two-Dollar Tuesdays after 8 p.m., Bowlero, 5320 W. Loop 250 N. bowlero.com.

■ Karaoke and pool tournament, The Lone Star Bar, 621 W. Wall St.

Portion of South Midkiff Road to be closed

A road repair will close part of a local road beginning Aug. 1, according to a press release from Midland County. Traffic will not be allowed on South Midkiff Road — also known as South County Road 1210 — between West County Road 150 and WCR 180.

Praise in the park

James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

The fifth annual West Texas Family Christian Festival was July 14 at Hogan Park. The Brownfield-based outreach ministry Hope Over Dope hosted the event. The group's focus is addiction and recovery, according to festival organizer Ramon Najera.

The road is expected to reopen Nov. 1.

City to host job fair

The city of Midland will be hosting a job fair 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Aug. 8 at the MLK Community Center, 2300 Butternut Lane.

Attendees will have the opportunity to meet with multiple departments and receive assistance filling out applications. On-site interviews will be conducted, according to the city's spokeswoman.

Nearly 60 positions are available across 26 job categories. Registration is not required to attend. To view employment opportunities, visit www.midlandtexas.gov/jobs. For questions or more information, please contact Administrative Services at 685-7245.

Swenson's to host Ice Cream with a Cop

Ice Cream with a Cop is planned for 3-5 p.m. Aug. 1 at Swenson's Ice Cream, 900 W. Loop 250 N.

A free scoop of ice cream will be served to all kids who attend.

Today in history

Today is Tuesday, July 24, the 205th day of 2018. There are 160 days left in the year.

Today's highlight:

On July 24, 1959, during a visit to Moscow, Vice President Richard Nixon engaged in his famous "Kitchen Debate" with Soviet leader Nikita Khrushchev.

On this date:

In 1969, the Apollo 11 astronauts — two of whom had been the first men to set foot on the moon — splashed down safely in the Pacific.

In 1974, the U.S. Supreme Court unanimously ruled that President Richard Nixon had to turn over subpoenaed White House tape recordings to the Watergate special prosecutor.

In 1998, a gunman burst into the U.S. Capitol, killing two police officers before being shot and captured. (The shooter, Russell Eugene Weston Jr., is being held in a federal mental facility.)

In 2005, Lance Armstrong won his seventh consecutive Tour de France. (Those wins were stripped away after Armstrong's 2013 confession to using steroids and other banned performance-enhancing drugs and methods.)

Source: Associated Press

Lottery

Pick 3 morning: 2-1-2
Pick 3 day: 8-6-8
Pick 3 evening: 1-1-2
Pick 3 night: 1-1-0
Daily 4 morning: 4-2-9-9
Daily 4 day: 7-9-8-8
Daily 4 evening: 2-7-9-6
Daily 4 night: 7-7-7-2
Cash Five: 6-7-8-11-33
Triple Chance: 1-8-11-26-33-42-48-52-53-55
Two-Step: 12-15-30-34, Bonus: 11
All or Nothing morning: 1-2-3-4-5-6-7-13-17-18-19-21
All or Nothing day: 1-2-3-7-9-13-14-15-17-19-20-24
All or Nothing evening: 3-5-6-7-8-9-12-13-16-21-22-24
All or Nothing night: 1-2-3-4-8-10-11-12-15-17-21-22

Weather

Monday's temperatures
High: 105
Low: 73
Normal high: 95
Normal low: 70

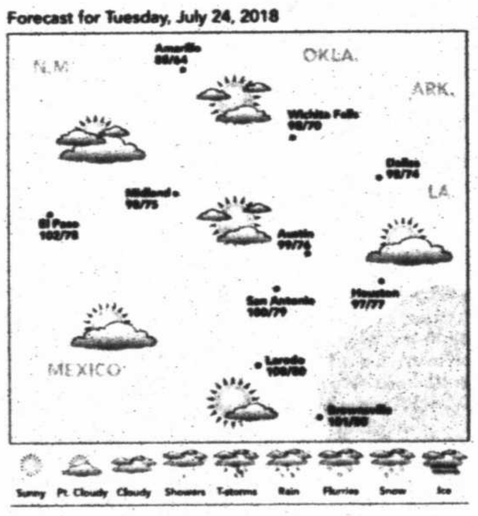
July 23 records
High: 105, set in 1995
Low: 53, set in 19788

Precipitation
Monday: 0.00
Sunday: 0.00
Month total: ..... 1.33 inches
Year total: ..... 4.73 inches
Normal total (year to date): ..... 7.43 inches

Winds
Average speed: ..... 16 mph
Gust speed: ..... 23 mph

Today's forecast
High 93
Low 76
Conditions: Mostly sunny

Forecast for Tuesday, July 24, 2018



today/mostly cloudy tonight
Winds: Northeast 10-15 mph /east 5-10 mph tonight
Chance of rain: None

Sunrise: ..... 6:59 a.m.
Sunset: ..... 8:51 p.m.

Source: National Weather Service

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JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

The stars show the kind of day you'll have: 5-dynamic; 4-positive; 3-average; 2-so-so; 1-difficult

Note: Bigar's Stars is based on the degree of your sun at birth. The sign name is simply a label astrologers put on a set of degrees for convenience. For best results, readers should refer to the dates following each sign.

A baby born today has a Sun in Leo and a Moon in Sagittarius if born before 5:49 p.m. (ET). Afterward, the Moon will be in Capricorn.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Tuesday, July 24, 2018: This year, you open up to adventure much more gracefully than in the past. You seem to sense when to take a risk, as well as if the risk is worth a loss. Thinking and discussing situations always provides different perspectives. If you are single, your time to fall madly in love and perhaps meet a life mate will occur in the months toward your birthday in 2019, once summer is over. You might need to go through several potential sweeties before you meet your match. If you are attached, the two of you might be redefining your roles in your relationship through the summer. An amorous period will follow. SAGITTARIUS understands you well.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★ The way you verbalize your ideas will determine the response you receive. You might be in the process of becoming more realistic. Nevertheless, a fog can drift through even the clearest ideas. Perhaps your mind is wandering, or you are simply bored. **Tonight:** Out till the wee hours.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★★ Deal with a key individual. Be as concise as you can be, and refuse to get caught up in this person's agenda. You have limits, and though you can hold the line, you might get tired of this struggle for control. Win by not playing. **Tonight:** Take in a new vision by taking off for a trip.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★ Defer to others, and listen to their suggestions. Do not think you need to act on them. One-on-one relating allows you greater flexibility. You might find it hard to change topics at times. Allow others to dominate for a change, and they might surprise you. **Tonight:** Go with the flow.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★★ Honor a fast change. You might not be comfortable with what is happening, but you need to look at the big picture. You could be feeling tired and withdrawn. What you are seeing might be coloring your perspective about a personal matter. **Tonight:** Let someone else call the shots.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★ Use the daylight hours for a creative venture and/or an interaction with a child. Others tend to be more receptive, and you can be a lot lighter and fluid than you typically are. Note that you might want to redo a certain conversation in a few weeks. **Tonight:** Embrace your spontaneity.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★ Listen to a loved one's perspective. You might have an emotional reaction to what you hear. An element of distortion lies in what you are hearing. You likely will need to have the same conversation in a few weeks in order to gain better clarity. **Tonight:** Be naughty for a change.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★ Clear out a talk or call that has been put on hold for too long. You will feel better once you have this conversation. Your sixth sense comes forward and guides you through several areas of difficulty. Have patience, and use timing to your advantage. **Tonight:** Happily at home.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★ Recognize what is happening around you. Listen to news with the recognition that the person speaking might be biased. Take this fact into consideration and look at this conversation in various ways. Do not hesitate to ask a question or two. **Tonight:** Surprises could lie ahead.

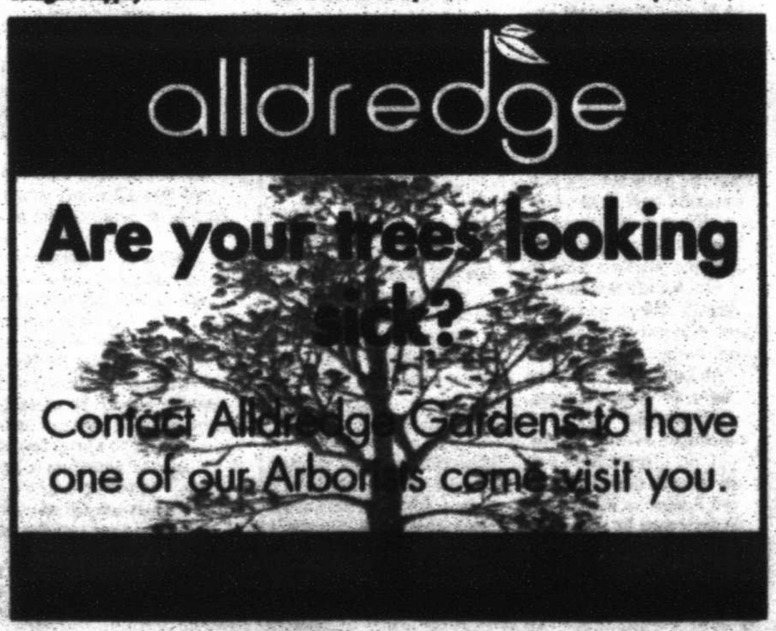
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★ Remain open. Do not allow an instantaneous reaction to dominate your day. If you feel as if your nerves are frayed, by all means, take a walk or choose an effective stress-buster. Not everything said or heard is written in stone or is valid. **Tonight:** Buy a special gift for a friend.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★ You might be acting like the tortoise today: very slow starting. You might be uncomfortable with your pace, but ultimately you will come out on top. Your attention to detail, though time-consuming, makes your ideas stronger than you realize. **Tonight:** Kick up your heels.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★ Reach out to a friend in the morning; you could enjoy a lengthy conversation. At the same time, you will notice that you feel more balanced after you visit with this person. Your thoughts could be wandering from one topic to another. **Tonight:** Take some needed personal time.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★ Your ability to get past a personal matter comes forward. Once you get feedback from a parent or boss, you will feel free to act on your own. You might be stunned by a friend and what he or she shares. In any case, a surprise could be on its way to you. **Tonight:** Be near good music.

BORN TODAY Singer/actress Jennifer Lopez (1969)



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In this Feb. 25, 2000, photo, former President George H.W. Bush waves as he leaves Methodist Hospital with his cardiologist, Mark Hausknecht, after a news conference in Houston. Hausknecht, who once treated Bush, was fatally shot by a fellow bicyclist Friday while riding through a Houston medical complex.Police were trying to determine if the shooting was random or a targeted act.

Family, friends fondly recall doctor shot while on bike

Associated Press

HOUSTON — Dr. Mark Hausknecht usually rode his bicycle to work each morning, as he lived less than 2 miles from Houston Methodist Hospital.

He was following his normal routine last week when a man also riding a bike approached the Houston cardiologist from behind and shot him twice in the torso, killing the 65-year-old physician.

Friends, family and patients say they can't imagine that anyone would want to hurt Hausknecht, who once treated former President George H.W. Bush. They say he was a humble and generous man who deeply cared about his patients, volunteered in his community and cared about the environment, often recycling cans on his daily commute.

On Monday, authorities in Houston continued pursuing several leads in Friday's shooting and searching for the unknown assailant. They released a composite sketch over the weekend that showed a man wearing glasses and a cap.

They also released surveillance photos and video that appear to show the shooter riding behind Hausknecht, who was dressed in blue medical scrubs, moments before the fatal encounter.

Dr. Neal Kleiman, who knew Hausknecht for more than 30 years, said Monday he remained shocked by the cardiologist's death.

"It's like getting kicked in the gut because it's a friend," said Kleiman, medical director of the cardiac catheterization lab at Houston Methodist DeBakey Heart and Vascular Center.

Kleiman said it's hard to comprehend that the shooting took place in broad daylight at the Texas Medical Center, a 1,345-acre (545-hectare) complex of hospitals and medical institutions that in the morning is busy with traffic, medical professionals heading to work, people going to medical appointments and construction workers.

Hausknecht's wife, Dr. Georgia R. Hsieh, said in a statement that her husband loved Houston and to honor him, people should "work hard, be responsible, patient, tolerant and compassionate."

Hsieh also spoke of the need for gun control legislation, asking people to write, email or tweet their congressional representatives "urging sensible gun laws."

Flowers and a copy of the Bible were placed at a makeshift memorial near where Hausknecht was shot. Someone also left a handwritten poster that read: Gun Violence. Reform Gun Laws. Vote Now! Road For Change.

Kleiman said Hausknecht loved to grow vegetables in his garden and was environmentally conscious, recycling everything.

"He had genuine concern for things around him, including the environment," Kleiman said.

James Pierce, a 43-year-old homeless man who usually saw Hausknecht bike to work each morning but didn't on the day of his death, said he sometimes collected aluminum cans for the cardiologist, who would take them away after work.

Pierce said he didn't know that Hausknecht was a doctor.

Hausknecht treated Bush in February 2000 for an irregular heartbeat after the ex-president complained about lightheadedness while visiting Florida. But it was not something the humble Hausknecht discussed, Kleiman said.

Pierce stood at an intersection near the shooting Monday, holding up a flyer with the shooting suspect sketch printed on it and showing it to passing cars.

"We need to find this guy," Pierce said, hoping someone would recognize the man in the sketch.

He said Hausknecht "heals people."

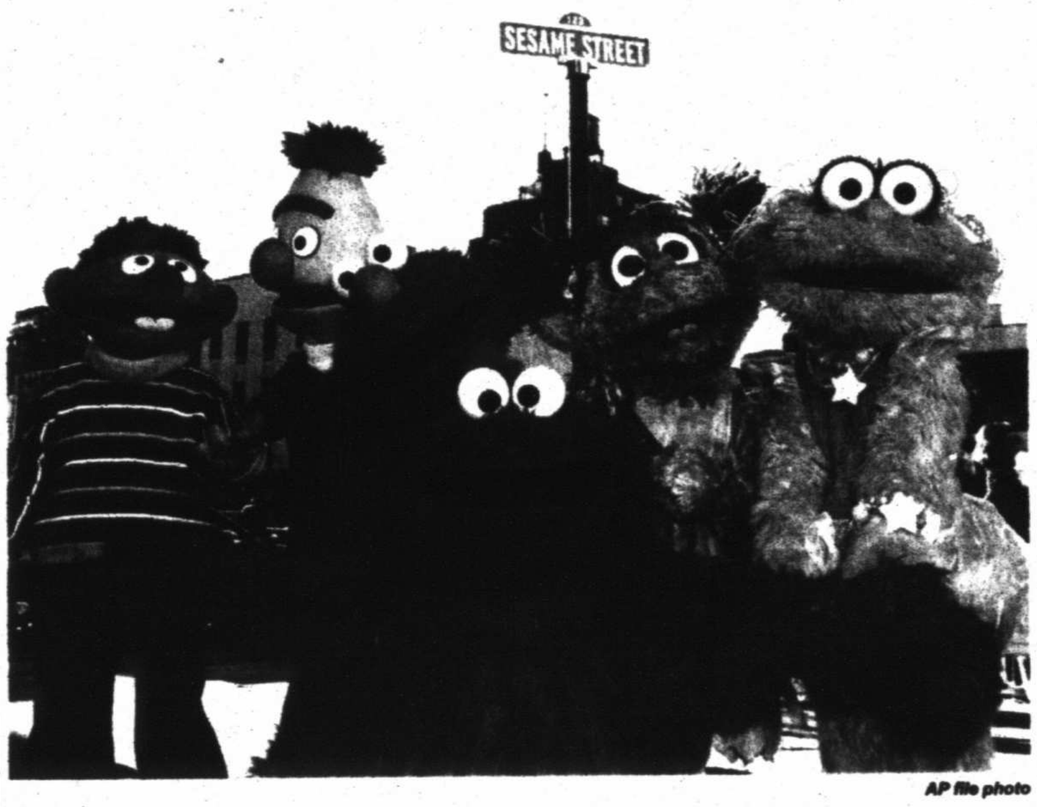
"Why would somebody want to hurt him?" Pierce said.

Kleiman said Hausknecht also will be remembered for the compassion and kindness that he showed his patients.

"Doctors easily become condescending and snooty," he said. "I don't think that was ever the case with Mark. That kind of approach was just not in his personality."

Jan Case, whose husband was treated by Hausknecht in the early 2000s, still fondly recalls how the cardiologist and her husband would talk about classical music during their appointments.

"He didn't mind spending a few minutes of time to share and be a friend as well as a doctor. He was just a very kind, gentle, man," Case said.



AP file photo

Characters from Sesame Street Live appear on the street by Madison Square Garden on Feb. 10, 2010, to celebrate the 30th anniversary of the live touring stage shows based on the PBS television series. in New York. From left are Ernie, Bert, Elmo, Cookie Monster (foreground), Abby Cadabby, and Zoe. The Sesame Street company is taking its beloved, critically acclaimed brand of educational television into the highly profitable world of classroom curriculum. It's a move that experts say could open the door for other companies to sink their teeth into a sacred learning space. Sesame Workshop and McGraw-Hill Education announced their new partnership Thursday.

'Sesame Street' could enter elementary classrooms

■ Company behind the children's program partners with textbook company to produce instructional materials

By Sally Ho
Associated Press

SEATTLE — "Sesame Street" is taking its beloved, critically acclaimed brand of educational television into the highly profitable world of classroom curriculum — a move that experts say could open the door for other companies to move into the sensitive learning space with possible influence on children.

Sesame Workshop, the company behind Big Bird and Elmo, and McGraw-Hill Education, a billion-dollar for-profit company known for school textbooks, announced their partnership Thursday. Both declined to disclose the financial terms for their new line of classroom instructional materials.

"Sesame Workshop probably can be trusted to do this in an ethical way, but the door opens for other companies to do it in a less ethical way," said Heather Kirkorian, a University of Wisconsin professor who studies the effects of media in young children.

The TV program and Sesame Workshop's other educational pursuits have long been lauded for their record of helping kids learn, portraying diverse characters and offering sensitivity in addressing childhood experiences.

The new classroom materials include videos featuring social-emotional and literacy lessons delivered by its famous characters and meant to be used at "circle time," when young children typically gather to sing songs or hear stories. They also are offering resources for teachers and parents to help reinforce the lessons.

The instructional materials are on the market for children in preschool through fifth grade, and they are expected to be used in classrooms as early as fall 2019. Educators now have access to review the materials, but they haven't been piloted in a classroom yet. They must be approved by school principals and administrators.

Dr. David Hill of the American Academy of Pediatrics, which urges parents to be cautious and selective about screen time for children, said that by age 3, kids can learn from a limited viewing of high-quality TV programs such as Sesame Street but that little research exists on such regular media use in the classroom.

Hill said a young child's brain cannot distinguish between programming and advertising, which could raise questions about the precedent that "Sesame Street" is setting.

"When you introduce a commercial influence on a nonprofit endeavor, I think everyone naturally has some concerns about the tension that ensues," Hill said.

Sesame Workshop is a nonprofit and would have to invest its revenue back into its educational mission.

"With a proven whole-child curriculum that serves as a framework for everything we do, Sesame Workshop has put children first for nearly 50 years," said Akimi Gibson, company vice president.

A much-discussed study in 2015 indicated that preschoolers exposed to the show gained immense benefits, which were compared to that of the Head Start program for low-income children, though the authors of that study later rebuked the idea that the show alone could or should replace any actual school program.

The researchers declined to comment on Sesame Street's latest classroom endeavor.

"Sesame Street" has been a household brand since debuting in 1969 on public television. In recent years, it lost federal funding to produce the show and has partnered with HBO.

Its name recognition is so high that it is equally known for its broad array of licensed merchandise, from bibs and backpacks to toys and games. It has also achieved cult status for its celebrity appearances and satirizing humor that serves as a hook for parents.

5 bodies found among apartment fire ruins in Dallas

By Ryan Tarinelli
Associated Press

DALLAS — There were no sprinklers installed in the almost 50-year-old apartment building where authorities recovered at least four of five bodies following a massive fire in San Marcos, officials reported Monday.

The blaze, which displaced about 200 people, began early Friday and caused extensive damage to the Iconic Village apartments and the Vintage Pads apartments located north of Texas State University, according to the city.

City Fire Marshal Kelly Kistner said four bodies had been were found in a single apartment building, which did not have sprinklers since it was built in 1970 and was code compliant when constructed. Kistner said he did not know the status of the smoke detectors in the building.

Later, city officials say a fifth body was recovered but did not say from where.

The city previously reported five people were unaccounted for following the blaze and at least six people were left injured. The five missing were identified as James Miranda, Haley Frizzell, Belinda Moats, David Ortiz and Dru Estes.

Authorities said the five bodies have been sent to the medical examiner's office in nearby Travis County for identification. The city statement says positive identification may take more than a week to establish.

"As a community, our hearts are broken," said San Marcos Mayor John Thomaides at a Monday press conference. "We've lost so much. We've lost the love, energy, optimism and potential of these young souls."

The cause of the fire remains unknown and search and recovery efforts will continue until all possible victims are found, Kistner said. City Fire Chief Les Stephens said more than 50 agents from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives were working Monday morning to help determine the cause and origin of the blaze.

Christina Martinez, who lived at an Iconic Village apartment building the city says was engulfed by the fire, told the Austin American-Statesman she remembers looking out her kitchen window and seeing the courtyard in flames.

"(Luckily) enough, I was in the living room," she said, mentioning she got out before the fire got to her room.

"Everything I own was in that apartment," she said.

Remains of 3 found in rubble of burned San Marcos apartments

Associated Press

SAN MARCOS — Authorities in San Marcos say they've recovered the bodies of three people in the rubble of two apartment complex buildings destroyed by fire.

The blaze that broke out before dawn Friday gutted the Iconic Village Apartments and Vintage Pad Apartments in San Marcos, between Austin and San Antonio.

Five people had been listed as unaccounted for since the flames were extinguished.

The city said in a statement Sunday the remains of the three have been taken to the Travis County Medical Examiner's office for autopsy and identification.

Six other people were injured, including one being treated for life-threatening injuries at a San Antonio hospital. Cause of the fire hasn't yet been determined.

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process. The Commerce Department sided with Berg and said Plains would have to pay the tariff if it imported the Greek steel it had purchased before the tariffs were imposed.

The Commerce Department reports that of 26,400 exemption requests submitted, it has approved 267, denied 452 and rejected 3,385 requests for being improperly completed.

"The administration's arbitrary process to determine these exclusions lacks transparency as it's not clear how and why certain exclusion petitions are granted or denied," said Kyle Isakower, vice president for regulatory and economic policy at the American Petroleum Institute, the industry's main lobbying arm. "What is clear, though, is that implementation of tariffs on imported steel undermines domestic energy production."

The Commerce Department says it will grant exclusions if there is insufficient domestic supply or the tariff would create a national security issue. But those are standards are subjective, and steel prices are on the rise.

"Prices since the start of the year are up 40.4 percent for hot-rolled coil," a steel industry benchmark, Michael Fitzgerald, a steel industry analyst with S&P Global Platts, said. "I don't think you can attribute the price increases to just tariffs, and you can't attribute them to just demand."

The higher prices are pinching the oil and gas industry, which is still recovering from the 2014 oil bust and still faces historically low prices, said Paul Sorenson, co-owner of Tube Supply Co., a supplier to oil field services companies.

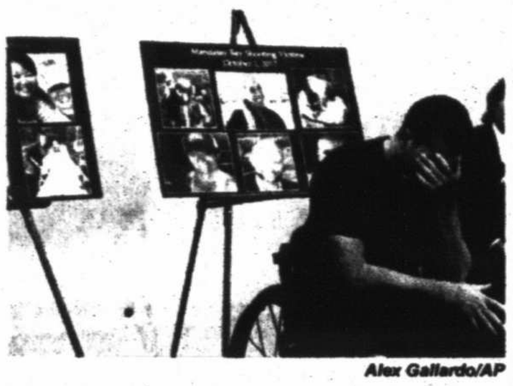
"We're buying as much as we can in the United States, but our business model takes us from France to Italy, Germany, Mexico, Argentina," he said. "For our products, they are not dumping them. ... We are forced to buy them because we can't find them in the United States."

The exclusion requests can take six months to approve. The industry needs steel now.

I support free trade agreements, and I have praised a Houston manufacturer who stood up for fair trade against nations that are dumping products in the U.S. And I believe Trump's China tariffs, and WTO suit, make sense against a nation, such as China, that cheats.

Blanket tariffs, though, carpet bomb the economy, punishing both good and bad actors. Relying on government bureaucrats to sort out what products should receive exclusions is a nightmare.

The Trump administration needs to rethink its strategy and take a more precise approach to tariffs. The current policy is harming far more U.S. companies than it is helping.



Alex Gallardo/AP

Jason McMillan, 36, of Riverside, a Riverside County Sheriff's deputy who was shot and paralyzed in the Oct. 1, 2017, Las Vegas shooting, reacts as he talks about that evening and is upset MGM's decision, during a personal account brought together by attorneys at a news conference in Newport Beach, Calif., on Monday. Behind McMillan are images of the shooting victims of the October 1, 2017 shooting. Victims of the fatal mass shooting at a Las Vegas country music festival are outraged they are being sued by MGM, which owns the hotel where the gunman opened fire.

Shooting victims outraged over MGM's lawsuit against them

By Amy Taxin
Associated Press

NEWPORT BEACH, Calif. — Victims of a fatal mass shooting at a Las Vegas country music festival said Monday they were outraged when they learned they were being sued by the company that owns the hotel where the gunman opened fire.

Jason McMillan, a 36-year-old Riverside County sheriff's deputy who was shot and paralyzed, said he can't believe MGM officials would try to foist blame onto anyone but themselves.

"I just can't believe the audacity," McMillan said at a press conference in Southern California where survivors, victims' relatives and attorneys railed against the decision to file lawsuits against hundreds of victims.

"I'm not just a victim from the concert. I'm a survivor, and they're not going to get away with anything. We'll keep this going as long as it takes," McMillan said.

MGM Resorts International sued victims in at least seven states last week in a bid to get federal courts to declare the company has no liability for the deadliest mass shooting in modern U.S. history.

In October, high-stakes gambler Stephen Paddock killed 58 people and injured hundreds at the festival by firing onto the crowd from his room at the Mandalay Bay casino-resort in Las Vegas. Paddock then killed himself.

MGM's lawsuits — which target victims who have threatened to sue or who have sued the company and voluntarily dismissed their claims — argue that that the shooting qualifies as an act of terrorism and that federally certified security services were used at the concert venue, which is also owned by MGM.

After 9/11, the U.S. enacted a law giving companies a way to limit their liability if their federally certified products or services failed to prevent a terror attack.

The company's decision to file the lawsuits stoked a public outcry. On Monday, MGM Resorts spokeswoman Debra DeShong said the company has faced dozens of lawsuits in multiple jurisdictions and resolving each case on its own would take years.

"We believe Congress determined these cases should be in federal court and that getting everyone in the same court is the best and fastest way to resolve these cases," she said.

McMillan said he felt helpless at the concert when he fell to the ground and couldn't feel his legs. His girlfriend helped drag his body over a fence and others helped load him onto the back of a pickup truck where he lay staring at the night sky, struggling to breathe, while the driver plowed over curbs and through bushes to rush him and other victims to the hospital.

When he woke, doctors told him he had a bullet in his spine. He was afraid his 4- and 7-year-old daughters would look at him differently in a wheelchair. He was afraid of what they might miss out on, he said, because of him.

It was insulting to learn he was being sued by MGM at the same time he was struggling to rebuild his life, McMillan said. And it brought him right back to feeling helpless again.

"It enrages me to think that this company can just try to skip out on their responsibilities and their liability for what happened," he said.

Southwest swelters with temperatures up to 120 degrees

Associated Press

PHOENIX — An excessive heat warning was issued for a broad swath of the southwestern U.S. Monday with temperatures expected to approach 120 degrees this week in what forecasters say could prove to be the hottest days of the year.

The National Weather Service said southern Arizona will experience temperatures from 112 to 119 degrees through Wednesday.

The heat warning extended to southeastern California, including desert communities such as El Centro, Palm Springs, Twentynine Palms and Blythe, as well as north to Las Vegas and other parts of Nevada.

Parts of Utah were also issued an excessive heat warning with temperatures this week expected to approach 109 degrees. The weather service said the warning for Utah's Dixie and Lake Powell regions will be in effect today through Thursday.

A lesser heat advisory was in effect for West Texas and southeast New Mexico into Monday evening, with high temperatures well into the triple digits, the service said. Still, it was so hot in Las Cruces on Monday morning that afternoon school bus service was canceled.

Some of the highest temperatures over the next few days were expected in Phoenix, where the weather service issued a tweet to warn residents to stay hydrated and take advantage of cooler indoor buildings.

The tweet says officials "can't stress enough that it will become dangerously hot early this week."

Firefighters and city officials on Monday morning distributed bright red cloth visors, hand fans and cooling neckerchiefs to downtown commuters, advising them to stay inside as much as possible.

Duck boat probe will check if Coast Guard rules were ignored

By Jim Salter and Heather Hollingsworth
Associated Press

The investigation into the sinking of a sightseeing boat that claimed 17 lives will look at whether operators violated Coast Guard rules by venturing onto a Missouri lake as thunderstorms rolled in, a Coast Guard official said Monday.

More than three days after the deadly accident, a crane attached to a barge pulled the amphibious duck boat from Table Rock Lake near Branson, where it was submerged in 80 feet of water.

Divers attached a sling to the 33-foot, 4-ton vessel, then raised and drained it, officials said. It was to be loaded onto a vehicle and turned over to the National Transportation Safety Board.

Coast Guard Lt. Tasha Sadowicz of the agency's St. Louis office said the boat that capsized and sank was known as "Stretch Duck 07." Like all 22 duck boats in operation in Branson, it was required to undergo annual inspections. The most recent was in February.

But Sadowicz said the Coast Guard's "certificate of inspection" placed limits on when the boats can enter the water based on wind speed and "sea state," which refers to the height of waves.

Sadowicz did not have information on Stretch Duck 07's limits but said they will be a focal point of the investigation.

Some witnesses have said the lake was calm and the storm came up suddenly Thursday evening. Sadowicz said investigators want to find out if operators were adequately monitoring the weather and should have reasonably known a storm was approaching.

Turbulent weather has caused trouble for duck boats before.

Coast Guard records show that a similar duck boat in Philadelphia took on a 3- or 4-foot wave on Oct. 3, 2015, as it carried 12 passengers on a tour of the Delaware River. Water got into the engine compartment, causing the engine to stall and setting the vessel adrift.

The boat was safely towed to shore. The cause of the failure was determined to be "the rapidly worsening river conditions." But the Coast Guard also cited a "failure to anticipate the change in the weather conditions."

"The change of the tide from slack to flood and the strong northerly winds caused the waves to quickly build and exceeded the restriction on the vessel's COI (certificate of inspection)," the Coast Guard report stated.

Duck boats were designed for military use in World War II. The Missouri boat that sank was built in 1944.

Stretch Duck 07 had a few apparently minor problems in recent years.

In 2011, the vessel "lost steering while underway on Table Rock Lake" with 30 passengers on board. The driver was able to make it back to shore, according to Coast Guard records.

On June 6, 2015, water got into the engine compartment as the boat entered the lake from land, a process known as "splash down."

A January 2016 inspection found inoperable heat detectors, which were later fixed.

The Coast Guard prohibited the vessel from operating from January 2015 to April 2015, but the report does not state a reason other than "hazardous/unsafe condition."

Another report from February 2015 cited leakage in a wheel well caused by sealant failure.

The owner of an inspection service in the St. Louis area said he issued a written report in August 2017 to the Branson duck boat operator, Ripley Entertainment, after inspecting two dozen boats. In the report, Steve Paul of Test Drive Technologies explained that the vessels' engines — and pumps that remove water from their hulls — might fail in inclement weather.

On Saturday, former NTSB chairman James Hall said the design of duck boats makes them prone to the type of accident that occurred in Missouri, particularly when weather turns bad. He said they should be banned.

At a news conference Monday in Branson, Coast Guard Capt. Scott Stoermer said the investigation will also look into whether the boat captain followed company guidelines regarding use of life jackets.

Missouri law requires boat passengers ages 7 and younger to wear life jackets, but commercial vessels like the duck boats are exempt. The law requires enough life jackets for passengers and crew, and jackets that fit all of the children. Whether to advise passengers to use life jackets is an "operation decision" made by the captain, Stoermer said.

Several survivors made it to safety by climbing aboard another sightseeing boat that was nearby.

Many survivors told Missouri State Highway Patrol chaplain Steve Martin that they were able to swim to the Branson Belle paddle-wheeler. Some climbed up the paddle wheel itself. Others clung to the side of the boat until bystanders pulled them to safety.

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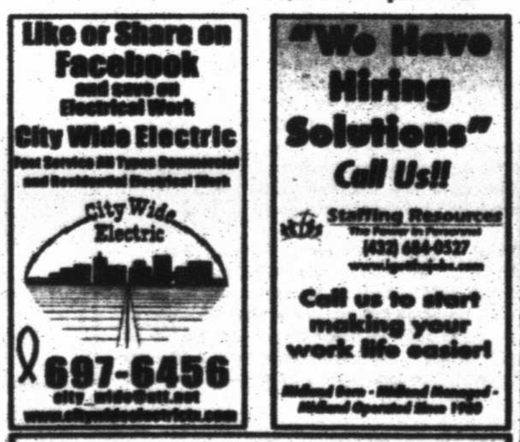

'Zero-tolerance' policy doesn't deter immigrants

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In simpler times, the Republican standard bearer thought the humane way to deal with illegal immigration was to worry people into heading back to their home countries.

In 2012, Mitt Romney assured potential voters that no one wanted to round up unlawfully present immigrants and deport them. He instead wanted them to "self-deport," and his policies would simply encourage people's return trip.

That didn't fly with anyone. So here we are, six years later, and we've seen video footage of Immigration and Customs Enforcement officers stalking neighborhoods and Border Patrol agents asking people on buses and trains for their "papers."

We've seen children torn from their parents and housed in cages. And we've heard reports of jailed parents, not knowing how or whether they'll be reunited with their children, either attempting or committing suicide.

Reports also abound of asylum requests being discouraged at the border and human rights abuses being inflicted on immigrants in detention centers.

And guess what? It doesn't appear to have stopped immigrants from taking a one-in-a-million shot at the opportunity to be able to eat and live.

The Trump administration's "zero tolerance" policy "is not deterring asylum-seekers from improperly crossing the U.S.-Mexico border between ports of entry," according to the Washington Office on Latin America (WOLA), a nonprofit advocacy organization based in Washington, D.C.

"The number of border-crossers, including children and families, declined from May to June, but the drop was no steeper than the usual seasonal variation: the hot summer months tend to see fewer migrants," WOLA reported.

It is inconceivable to many Americans how any responsible parents could consider making the treacherous journey across the U.S.-Mexico border with their children.

And most of these skeptics don't know that, even before traversing this border, migrants from Central America (who make up the largest portion of U.S. border crossers) have made an equally perilous jaunt into Mexico. That is a country in which immigrant advocates proclaim that the government's treatment of unlawfully present immigrants is a national disgrace.

NPR recently reported that Mexico "has deported more than half a million Central Americans, including almost 82,000 last year, according to data from Mexico's Interior Department. Since 2015, Mexico has deported more Central Americans annually than U.S. authorities have, in some years more than twice as many."

It's no wonder — the violence and lack of economic opportunity in those countries is incomprehensible to those familiar with the kind of grinding, but ultimately survivable, poverty in the U.S.

"El Salvador, Honduras, and Guatemala continue to have some of the highest homicide rates for countries not at war, and asylum seekers continue to flee extortion, gang violence or forced recruitment, domestic abuse, gender violence, or targeting for collaboration with police," according to WOLA. "So far this year in Arizona, nearly 90 percent of Central American asylum-seekers are Guatemalan. A surprising number are fleeing the country's rural highlands, where the violence is being generated by drug-trafficking groups who extort local businesses and are pushing people off of their lands, and operate with the acquiescence of corrupt government and security officials."

There are also terrible unintended consequences of the warped incentives of the North American Free Trade Agreement. For example, millions of farmers have been forced to leave their farms, prompting them to come to the U.S illegally to find jobs so they can send money home to feed their families. But for more than a decade, fallout from drug production, shipping and distribution has been the flashiest story in relation to violence in Mexico and Central America.

Yet, somehow, references to "bad hombres," Latin American kingpins and their gangs are rarely discussed in the context of the simple economics of the drug situation: Americans have a high demand for illegal drugs while corrupt and opportunistic thugs in poor countries terrorize their own people to provide the supply.

We are complicit in the economic and human rights disasters that are causing migrants to flee their home countries — CNN just reported that the Trump administration was informed that ending the Temporary Protected Status for Central Americans would increase illegal immigration, but they ended it anyway. So let's not be ignorant about whether the crush of desperate humans at the border will ever subside.

You can terrify whole communities, rip families apart and traumatize children for life. But until the alternatives in Central American countries and Mexico are better, people — especially parents — will make rational, if potentially deadly, decisions.

For the most desperate, possible separation or death at the U.S. border is the only alternative to certain torture, starvation or execution back home.

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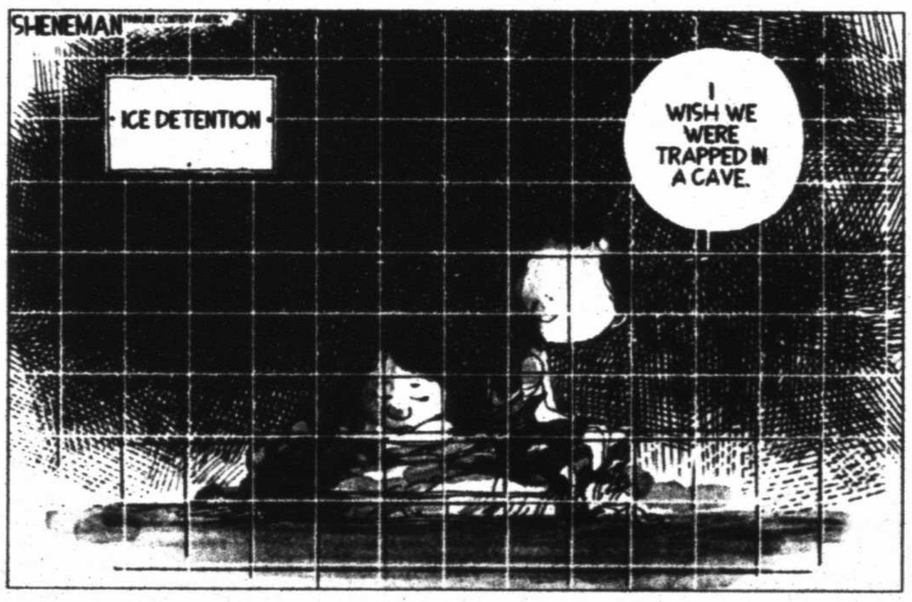

Don't question Trump administration's legitimacy; question his job performance

ERICA GRIEDER

Houston Chronicle

Like it or not, Donald Trump is the lawfully elected president of the United States. And although there are plenty of reasons to criticize his administration, there is no reason to question its legitimacy.

I can understand why Americans would be tempted to do so after a week like this one. It was hard to keep track of all the bombshell reports related to Russia's extensive interference in our 2016 presidential election.

And Trump, concurrently, spent the week acting as one might expect the president of the United States to act if he happened to be a Russian asset.

Some observers have therefore concluded that Russia's mischief improperly influenced the outcome of the election and should affect how we see the administration.

"American law does not provide for presidential election do-overs no matter what wrongs a candidate is revealed to have committed after the fact," wrote David Frum, a former speechwriter for George W. Bush, in the Atlantic.

"Trump is the lawful president, but legitimacy is not decided by technicalities," Frum continued.

Frum is right. That's what worries me. A president's legitimacy is ultimately decided by public opinion about the process that put him in power — and if the process is seen as corrupted, that undermines confidence in our entire political system, as well as casting a pall over the president himself.

As readers know, I'm not exactly a Trump fan. But it's profoundly irresponsible to question any president's legitimacy unless the evidence is dispositive, and in this case, it isn't.

In fact, there's actually no evidence that Russian meddling is what ultimately tipped the scales in Trump's favor. It was a close election; Trump didn't win the popular vote, and he carried several critical states by notably narrow margins to win the electoral college. But there's no indication that Russians stuffed a few metaphorical ballot boxes on his behalf.

And Russians — at the risk of stating the obvious — weren't the only people who participated in the 2016 presidential election. Trump was the Republican Party's presidential nominee. Roughly 63 million Americans voted for him. Some of them may have been tricked into doing so, I guess, but I would argue they were ultimately tricked by their fellow Americans — many of whom were exploiting the same vulnerabilities from positions of greater influence.

Most Trump voters weren't tricked, though. In Texas, at least, most of them had qualms about Trump himself or his views on issues like trade, and voted for him reluctantly, hoping he would nominate a conservative to the vacancy on the Supreme Court. Trump supporters in the economically challenged Rust Belt were comparatively enthusiastic about his candidacy, though.

And Trump was, again, a major-party presidential nominee. Most Americans weren't expecting him to win the election, but there was a chance that he would, obviously, and the fact that he did isn't actually evidence against his presidency's legitimacy.

In fact, it's evidence that Trump critics such as Frum need to spend more time talking to American voters. Many of them voted for Trump and are happy to explain their reasoning. So in retrospect, at least, it's possible to make sense of the election's outcome without invoking some kind of deus ex machina.

And although it'd be convenient to blame the Russians for giving us the Trump administration, doing so is a bit self-contradicting. Many Americans voted for Trump precisely because they felt ignored, or maligned, by the nation's political and media elites. I'm not sure whether Trump will deliver on all of the promises he made to his voters, but at least he isn't implying that their votes shouldn't really count, because the Russians were also rooting for him.

After a week like this one, Americans have cause to worry about Russian influence, of course. But there's no evidence, at this point, that Russians corrupted the electoral process itself — and what we should all be worried about, at this point, is their influence over Trump himself.

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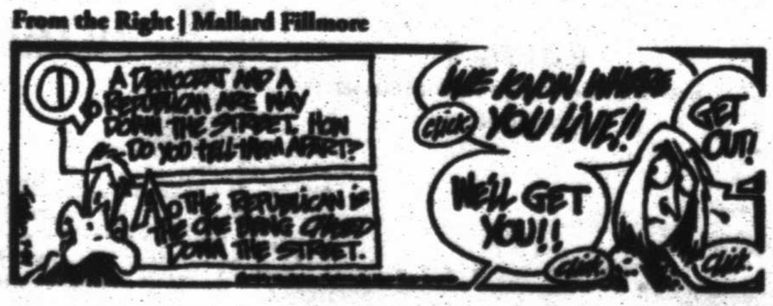


Just tough Trump tweeting? US ratchets up Iran pressure

By Matthew Lee and Zeke Miller
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump's explosive twitter threat to Iran's leader comes as his administration is ratcheting up a pressure campaign on the Islamic republic that many suspect is aimed at regime change.

No one is predicting imminent war. But Trump's bellicose, all-caps challenge addressed to President Hassan Rouhani followed a speech by Secretary of State Mike Pompeo in which he accused Iran's leadership of massive corruption and widespread rights abuses and urged Iranians to rise up in protest.

Both the tweet and the speech landed less than two weeks before the administration will begin re-imposing sanctions on Iran that had been lifted under the 2015 nuclear deal. In the meantime, the U.S. is stepping up Farsi-language outreach that is intended to support Iranians demonstrating against the policies of their government.

Trump's tweet doesn't appear to have been prompted by any notable shift in rhetoric from Iran.

It could have been an impulsive reaction to reports from Tehran quoting Rouhani as giving the U.S. an oft-repeated reminder that conflict with Iran would be "the mother of all wars." Yet animosity directed at the Iranian leadership is an established part of the administration's broader foreign policy.

Iran publicly shrugged off Trump's late Sunday message — "NEVER EVER THREATEN THE UNITED STATES AGAIN OR YOU WILL SUFFER CONSEQUENCES THE LIKES OF WHICH FEW THROUGHOUT HISTORY HAVE EVER SUFFERED BEFORE."

Tweeted Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif on Monday: COLOR US UNIMPRESSED: The world heard even harsher bluster a few months ago. And Iranians have heard them — albeit more civilized ones — for 40 yrs. We've been around for millennia & seen fall of empires, incl our own, which lasted more than the life of some countries. BE CAUTIOUS!"

Asked at the White House if he had concerns about provoking Iran, Trump said simply, "None at all."

Tehran is already aware of what is coming from the administration as consequences of Trump's May withdrawal from the 2015 nuclear accord take shape.

As Pompeo noted in his speech to Iranian-Americans and others in California on Sunday, the centerpiece will be the re-imposition of U.S. economic sanctions; the first batch will go back into force on Aug. 4 targeting the Iranian automotive sector and trade in gold and other metals. A more significant set of sanctions that will hit Iran's oil industry and central bank by punishing countries and companies that do business with them will resume on Nov. 4.

"Right now, the United States is undertaking a diplomatic and financial pressure campaign to cut off the funds that the regime uses to enrich itself and support death and destruction," Pompeo said in his speech at the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library and Museum in Simi Valley.

Pompeo also slammed Iran's political, judicial and military officials, accusing several by name of participating in rampant corruption, and called its religious leaders "hypocritical holy men" who amassed wealth while allowing their people to suffer. He said the government has "heartlessly repressed its own people's human rights, dignity and fundamental freedoms," and he hailed the "proud Iranian people (for) not staying silent about their government's many abuses."

"The United States under President Trump will not stay silent either," he said.

He was right. True to form, Trump did not stay silent. But the White House blamed Rouhani for inciting the war of words with his comment that "America must understand well that peace with Iran is the mother of all peace and war with Iran is the mother of all wars."

"WE ARE NO LONGER A COUNTRY THAT WILL STAND FOR YOUR DEMENTED WORDS OF VIOLENCE & DEATH. BE CAUTIOUS!," Trump wrote.

Reaction from Congress, particularly Democrats, was swift and critical.

Democratic Sen. Jeanne Shaheen of New Hampshire, a member of the Foreign Relations Committee, acknowledged that Iran's terrorist activities in the Middle East pose a threat but suggested it wouldn't be solved through a tweet from Trump.

"Sadly, after pulling us out of the nuclear deal with Europe and Iran, there doesn't seem to be strategy for how to move forward to fight Iran's activities," she said.

And Virginia Sen. Tim Kaine, the former Democratic vice presidential candidate, called the Twitter blast from the White House "another warning sign that Trump is blundering toward war with Iran."

Trump's National Security Council pushed back:

"Our differences are with the Iranian regime's actions and, in particular, with the actions of the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps, not the Iranian people. The Trump administration's Iran policy seeks to address the totality of these threats and malign activities and to bring about a change in the Iranian regime's behavior."

"If anybody's inciting anything, look no further than to Iran," said White House press secretary Sarah Sanders said. She added that Trump has been "very clear about what he's not going to allow to take place."

Trump has a history of firing off heated tweets that seem to quickly escalate long-standing disputes with leaders of nations at odds with the U.S.

In the case of North Korea, the verbal war cooled quickly and gradually led to the high-profile summit and denuclearization talks. Still there has been little tangible progress in a global push to rid North Korea of its nuclear weapons program since the historic Trump-Kim Jong Un summit on June 12.

Georgia lawmaker uses racial slur, drops pants in TV series

Associated Press

ATLANTA — A Georgia lawmaker is the latest public figure caught with his pants down on provocateur Sacha Baron Cohen's new cable TV series, this time literally, as the state legislator exposes his bottom, speaks with a mock Asian accent and yells a racial slur all in the name of fighting terrorism.

In Sunday night's broadcast of Cohen's Showtime series "Who Is America?" Cohen poses as an Israeli military expert who persuades Republican Rep. Jason Spencer to take part in several outlandish exercises. The lawmaker is told they're making a counterterrorism video.

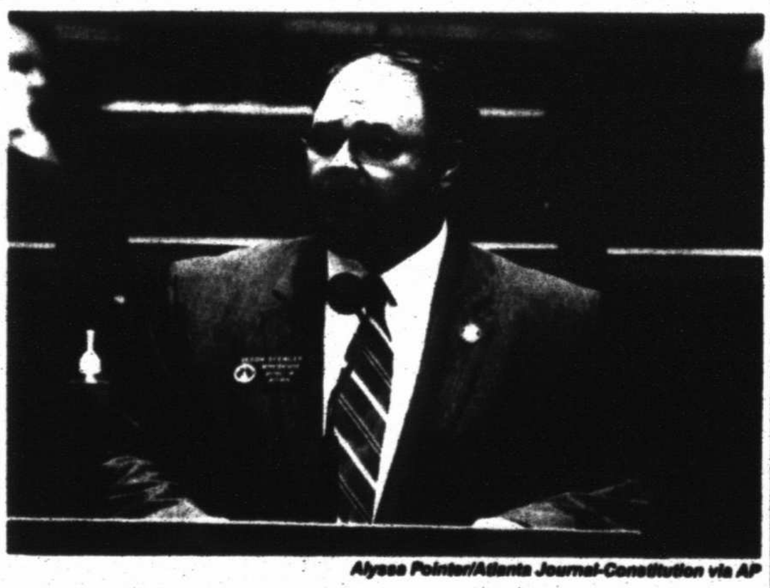
Spencer repeatedly shouts a racial slur for black people after Cohen tells him the tactic is useful for drawing bystanders' attention to an unfolding attack.

He also drops his pants, then his underwear, before backing his exposed rear end toward Cohen while shouting "USA!" and "America!" Cohen told Spencer the move would incite fear in homophobic jihadists. The segment also shows Spencer speaking with a mock Asian accent while pretending to use a selfie-stick to surreptitiously insert a camera phone under a Muslim woman's burqa.

Spencer's on-camera conduct horrified fellow Republicans in Georgia. State House Speaker David Ralston said Spencer "disgraced himself and should resign immediately," The Atlanta Journal-Constitution reported.

GOP Gov. Nathan Deal said in a tweet: "There is no excuse for this type of behavior, ever, and I am saddened and disgusted by it."

Regardless, there won't be any reckoning for Spencer at the ballot box this year. A Republican challenger already defeated the lawmaker in Georgia's May 22 primary.



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Rep. Jason Spencer, of Woodbine, speaks at the Georgia State Capitol on Feb. 28 in Atlanta. Spencer is seen using racial slurs and dropping his pants in an episode of Sacha Baron Cohen's Showtime series 'Who Is America?'. In the Sunday, July 22, broadcast, Spencer repeatedly uses a racial slur for African Americans and later exposes his bottom after being told it helps scare away Muslim terrorists.

The Georgia legislator has been accused in the past of making offensive statements and proposals. In 2016, Spencer sought to update a 1951 state law that outlawed Ku Klux Klan members from wearing hoods at public rallies. Civil rights and Muslim advocacy groups called Spencer's bill a veiled attempt to ban Muslim women from wearing religious headgear that covers their faces in public. He quickly dropped the proposal.

Spencer isn't the first public figure to be fooled by Cohen in his Showtime series. Former Republican vice presidential candidate Sarah Palin, Democratic Sen. Bernie Sanders and former Arizona sheriff and U.S. Senate candidate Joe Arpaio have also been duped.

In a statement Monday, Spencer apologized for the "ridiculously ugly episode," but he refused to step down from office. He also said he has received death threats in the past and thought the techniques in the Showtime segment would prevent "what I believed was an inevitable attack."

The Atlanta newspaper reported Spencer had earlier threatened legal action to prevent the network from airing footage of him.

The Islamic Council on American-Islamic Relations also called for Spencer's resignation.

"The ignorance and malice behind Islamophobia has led Mr. Spencer to not only pursue bad policy, but engage in humiliating and hateful behavior unbecoming of anyone — especially a state legislator," said Edward Ahmed Mitchell, director of the group's Georgia chapter.

Spencer faced calls for his resignation last year after he warned a black former state legislator that she won't be "met with torches but something a lot more definitive" if she continued to call for the removal of Confederate statues in southern Georgia.

AP fact check: Trump wrong to say records show FBI cover-up

By Anne Flaherty
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump is mischaracterizing newly released FBI documents on the agency's wiretapping of Carter Page, a onetime campaign adviser. Among his false claims is that the FBI relied on a politically tainted source and withheld that aspect from the court. The documents, available online after media outlets sued for their release, actually suggest the opposite.

Here's a look at how Trump's tweets Monday run counter to the truth:

TRUMP: "Carter Page wasn't a spy, wasn't an agent of the Russians — he would have cooperated with the FBI. It was a fraud and a hoax designed to target Trump."

THE FACTS: Trump is quoting conservative activist Tom Fitton, who appeared on Fox News early Monday. But this assertion flatly contradicts the FBI's characterization of Page as "an agent of a foreign power."

Page denied this description over the weekend. However, according to the FBI, Page "has been the subject of targeted recruitment by the Russian Government" and Russia's goal was "to undermine and improperly and illegally influence the 2016 U.S. Presidential election."

The documents state "the FBI believes that the Russian Government's efforts are being coordinated with Page and perhaps other individuals associated with" Trump's campaign.

TRUMP, on how he thinks the FBI persuaded a court to approve a wiretap of Page: "Source #1 was the major source. Avoided talking about it being the Clinton campaign behind it. Misled the Court to provide a pretext to SPY on the Trump Team. Not about Carter Page..was all about getting Trump....."

THE FACTS: Again, Trump appears to be quoting Fitton. And again, the claims directly contradict findings by the FBI and what was known previously about the Russia probe.

"Source #1" is widely believed to refer to Christopher Steele, a former British spy with extensive Russia connections. As a private consultant, Steele was hired to investigate Trump's ties to Russia as part of opposition research funded by Democrats.

The result of that research was the now-famous "dossier" that provided a detailed narrative of how the Russian government supposedly collaborated with Trump's Republican campaign in an elaborate operation to tilt the 2016 presidential race in his favor.

Trump and his supporters wrongly suggest that the FBI covered up the link between Steele's work and its Democratic funding, and they argue Steele can't be taken seriously because of those connections.

The latest documents, however, plainly note the possible political motive behind hiring Steele: "The FBI speculates that the identified U.S. person was likely looking for information that could be used to discredit" Trump's campaign.

Still, the FBI told the court, it has found Steele's "previous reporting history with the FBI" to be "reliable" and "credible."

Trump's laser focus on Steele ignores other facts as well, including that Page had previously lived in Russia and was on the FBI's radar as early as 2013, when it suspected Russian intelligence agents were trying to recruit Americans.

Also, by the time the FBI requested the wiretap on Page in October 2016, the agency's Russia probe was already in full swing. The investigation was initiated in July 2016, the same month Page went to Russia, where the FBI says he met "with at least two Russian officials during this trip."

TRUMP: "It was classified to cover up misconduct by the FBI and the Justice Department in misleading the Court by using this Dossier in a dishonest way to gain a warrant to target the Trump Team. This is a Clinton Campaign document. It was a fraud and a hoax designed to target Trump ...."

THE FACTS: Wiretap requests are routinely classified to protect sources and methods, not to cover up misconduct by the FBI or Justice Department.

Multiple news organizations, including The Associated Press, requested that the government release the documents under the Freedom of Information Act. The New York Times and others sued for its release, resulting in the documents being posted to the FBI's website.

It's also not correct to call the Steele dossier a "Clinton Campaign document." Steele was hired by Fusion GPS, a private research firm that in turn was hired by a law firm that represented the Democratic campaign. But Clinton's closest aides said they didn't learn about the research until after the election, which is probable considering they never raised the allegations publicly.

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Mystery: Who bought websites implying senators 'for sale'?

By Tami Abdollah
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Dozens of web addresses implying U.S. senators were "for sale" have been quietly and mysteriously purchased online, amid heightened concerns on Capitol Hill that foreign agents — especially Russians — might be trying to meddle in upcoming midterm elections.

An Associated Press investigation found the responsible party: Democrats.

The Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee acknowledged to the AP that it had quietly purchased the addresses, which use a new internet suffix "forsale," in March for at least 27 incumbent senators facing re-election this fall and in 2020, without telling the senators. The cybersecurity director for the sergeant-at-arms, the highest-ranking U.S. law enforcement officer in the Senate, has been looking into the matter.

The addresses now controlled by the Democratic political group include the names of mostly Democrats but some prominent Republicans, too. The group masked its role in the purchase to ensure its identity as the buyer remained anonymous. The current price for such addresses, with a privacy guard, is roughly $18 each.

"It's a routine campaign practice to purchase URLs to stop bad actors from getting them, and if we eventually decided to develop a URL into a website then there would be a clear disclosure of who was operating it," said Lauren Passalacqua, communications director at the DSCC.

Buying politically-related web addresses to use them later online — or prevent rival campaigns from using them — has been a routine practice for decades. But Washington has been transfixed by criminal charges filed against Russian military officers accused of secretly meddling in the 2016 presidential campaign, accused by federal prosecutors of setting up websites like DCLeaks.com and using anonymous Twitter accounts to peddle embarrassing information about U.S. politicians.

U.S. intelligence chief Dan Coats has cautioned that the "warning lights are blinking red" and that "the digital infrastructure that serves this country is literally under attack."

The mysterious "forsale" purchases set off alarms. AP's review found roughly 280 political web addresses registered under the "forsale" domain, targeting President Donald Trump, the GOP, Supreme Court and National Rifle Association, as well as individual Democrats and Republicans. The Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee said it was responsible for at least 27 of them targeting U.S. senators and didn't provide further details.

AP file photo

In this Jan. 21 photo, lights shine inside the U.S. Capitol Building as night falls in Washington. Dozens of web addresses implying U.S. senators were "for sale" have been quietly and mysteriously purchased online, amid heightened concerns on Capitol Hill that foreign agents _ especially Russians _ might be trying to interfere in the upcoming midterm elections. The Associated Press has determined that Democrats were responsible. The cybersecurity director for the sergeant-at-arms in the Senate has begun to look into the matter.

"In this particular atmosphere, anything along these lines is concerning, because there's so much opportunity for malicious use of the internet, particularly in campaigns," said Sen. Angus King, I-Maine, before AP solved the mystery. King declined to comment after learning from AP that Democrats were responsible.

The latest actions show how lines and motives in American politics can blur among foreign adversaries, U.S. dirty-tricksters, pranksters or speculators hoping eventually to sell the web addresses to campaigns or their rivals. None of the addresses for the senators appears to be associated with an operational website, obscuring motives for future uses. Unlike in cases where so-called squatters register web addresses they hope to sell for profit, there were no indications the addresses were being made available for resale or populated with ads to make money.

Tim Groeling, an expert on political communication and new media at the University of California, Los Angeles, said the anonymity sought by the Democratic group was what troubled him. The identities of whoever registered the websites were purposefully masked. He said it's common for campaigns to purchase permutations of candidate names defensively and to use offensively against political opponents.

"The lack of transparency is both concerning from a standpoint of the potential for other governments to do this type of thing and not be revealed, and our domestic politics," Groeling said. "I'm a big fan of transparency. I think a lot of things can be fixed with sunlight."

The addresses use the new internet suffix "forsale" first made available in 2015 and intended to help consumers sell unwanted items without paying auction sites. The addresses the Democrats registered included the names of Sens. Bob Casey, D-Pa.; Claire McCaskill, D-Mo.; King; Elizabeth Warren, D-Mass.; Ted Cruz, R-Texas; Heidi Heitkamp, D-N.D.; Bernie Sanders, I-Vt.; Roger Wicker, R-Miss. and Dean Heller, R-Nev.

The technology infrastructure of the U.S. Senate and its offices around the country are the responsibility of the sergeant at arms. Terry Gainer, who previously served as sergeant at arms until 2014, said that if he had learned of the mysterious addresses in the current political environment, he would have his cybersecurity officer as well as the Capitol Police made aware. He said he would also ask the Secret Service and FBI to investigate.

"I don't believe in coincidences, and again, what's been going on since the whole Russian intrusions, there'd be much more sensitivity about taking a look at this," Gainer said.

It was unclear who purchased the addresses targeting the NRA, GOP and others. Internet records showed they were purchased anonymously hours before the Democrats bought the ones with the senators' names, and within seconds of each other. The address implying the Supreme Court was for sale was purchased last month.

"It's no different from dot-sucks," said Paul Vixie, a highly regarded computer scientist who helped design the system of internet addresses currently in use. "Social commentary has always thrived on the internet, due to reach and cost issues. These politicians are right to reserve those names, but wrong if they think other domains only slightly less clean won't appear."

Warren's staff declined to comment, as did McCaskill's and Cruz's. Heller, Casey, Heitkamp, Sanders and Wicker did not respond to questions. The GOP, DNC and NRA also did not respond to questions from the AP.

The U.S. Senate Sergeant at Arms Office declined to comment on the "active defense" of its system.

Politicians and celebrities, especially, have trademark rights to their own names, and can file a complaint and request arbitration through the World Intellectual Property Organization or the National Arbitration Forum with whoever registered the website, according to Alexander Urbelis, a partner at the New York-based Blackstone Law Group who detected the new registrations.

"It's a really nutty thing to do unilaterally because it's going to set off alarm bells," Urbelis said.

Rick Tyler, a longtime Republican political consultant, said such website purchases are typical campaign tactics. He said third parties, like super PACs, are often used so the campaigns themselves appear virtuous.

"Ultimately in all of this, with the Russian meddling and the fake news ... it gets very confusing," Tyler said. "I think the information consumer has to just beware, they have to learn to discern what is true, and what is not."

Democrat slams Trump on Fox when network airs wrong guest

By Bob Salsberg
Associated Press

BOSTON — A mix-up Monday on Fox News gave a Democratic congressional candidate from Massachusetts a forum to criticize President Donald Trump's immigration policies, confusing the hosts of the show who thought they were speaking with another candidate.

The network planned a live interview with former U.S. Rep. Ann Kirkpatrick, who is seeking the Democratic nomination for an open House seat in Arizona, and who was recently booed at a Democratic forum when she expressed support for federal immigration border agents.

But when the hosts of Fox & Friends First introduced the segment, Barbara L'Italien appeared on screen and said she wanted to speak directly to Trump.

"What you're doing at the border is wrong. As a mother of four, I'm appalled that we are separating kids from their parents. It's illegal and inhumane," L'Italien said.

At that point, L'Italien identified herself as a state senator in Massachusetts who is running for an open House seat in that state.

"We have to stop abducting children and ripping them from their parents' arms, stop putting kids in cages, stop making 3-year-old defend themselves in court," continued L'Italien, ignoring attempts by hosts Jillian Mele and Rob Schmitt to ask whether the family separation policy had been stopped.

After Schmitt turned to his co-host and asked, "Who is this?" the feed was cut off and Schmitt said: "That didn't go as planned." Mele apologized to viewers for the confusion a short time later.

Desiree Dunne, executive producer of Fox & Friends First, said the show reached out to Kirkpatrick through Joe Katz, a press contact they had on file.

Katz once served as a spokesman for Kirkpatrick when she was in Congress.

"Katz followed with an email confirming the segment, which also included background information and a campaign logo for Ann Kirkpatrick," said Dunne.

"Despite speaking to producers prior to the interview, L'Italien did not identify herself as anything other than Kirkpatrick until she was live on air, at which point we ended the interview," she added.

Katz responded that it was the network that should be blamed for the error.

"Fox News reached out to our staff believing they were reaching the Kirkpatrick office due to their own failure of due diligence," he said. "Over the process of getting the interview scheduled, they repeatedly showed very little grasp on the facts, down to whether or not Ann Kirkpatrick was still in Congress."

Katz added that L'Italien felt obligated to take advantage of the opportunity provided because, "Fox News is where you go when you want to talk to Donald Trump."

L'Italien is among nearly a dozen Democrats running for their party's nomination in the Sept. 4 primary in the 3rd Congressional District. Incumbent Democrat Niki Tsongas is retiring.

Kirkpatrick served four terms in the U.S. House before unsuccessfully challenging Republican U.S. Sen. John McCain in 2016. She is among Democrats vying for the seat being vacated by Republican Rep. Martha McSally.

On Twitter Monday, Kirkpatrick accused Fox of misrepresenting her position on the Immigration and Customs Enforcement agency during the introduction to the segment on which she was supposed to appear.

"I am disgusted by the Trump policies aimed at immigrant families," she tweeted.

Trump's Iran threat latest combative global move

By Jonathan Lemire and Zeke Miller
Associated Press

■ ANALYSIS

WASHINGTON — As the presidential tweets ricochet from one world hot spot to another, a Trump Doctrine has emerged: Claim matchless strength, suffer no slight and counter-punch harder than you are hit — at least verbally.

President Donald Trump's searing ALL CAPS response to a relatively routine Iran provocation is the latest example of Trump's refusal to show weakness, continuing a pattern that includes showdowns with North Korea, China and even NATO allies, with Russia the notable exception. Trump's tough-guy rhetoric has become a defining characteristic of his overseas affairs, as have the relatively modest results.

His late Sunday tweet warning of "CONSEQUENCES THE LIKES OF WHICH FEW THROUGHOUT HISTORY HAVE EVER SUFFERED BEFORE" caught Trump's staff by surprise, sparked a fresh day of foreign policy confusion, and triggered fears of a potential nuclear showdown in the Middle East. The tweet was reminiscent of Trump's brash warning of "fire and fury" for North Korea last year, part of an exchange of bravado in which he and Kim Jong Un's government compared the relative size of their nuclear buttons.

White House officials now cast those exchanges with Kim as a negotiating tactic to bring the mercurial autocrat to the negotiating table, culminating in last month's Singapore summit. But despite Trump's pronouncements that he is "very happy" with the results of the summit, the North has yet to take concrete steps toward denuclearizing, nor has it returned the remains of some U.S. service members, as was promised as part of the two-page agreement signed in Singapore.

Press secretary Sarah Huckabee Sanders wouldn't rule out that the latest tweet about Iran was a similar negotiating gambit. "I'm not going to get into the president's strategy," she said Monday. "But I think he's very clear about what he's not going to allow to take place."

The Iran tweet, responding to the latest threat from Iranian President Hassan Rouhani, came on the heels of a frustrating week for a White House reeling from denunciations of Trump's treatment of Russia's Vladimir Putin during their summit in Helsinki. The president initially refused to say whether he believed the U.S. intelligence community's conclusion that Russia interfered in the 2016 election, instead giving equal weight to Putin's denials.

Critics were quick to seize upon his Iran threat as an attempt to change the subject. Sanders retorted: "I think the president has the ability, unlike a lot of those in the media, to actually focus on more than one issue at a time."

But the broadside to Tehran fit a pattern for Trump, a commander in chief who responds to the slightest provocation with punishment. The all-caps shot across Iran's bow appeared to be prompted by a speech by Rouhani, who told diplomats Sunday in Tehran that Americans "must understand that war with Iran is the mother of all wars and peace with Iran is the mother of all peace," state television reported.

Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif., tweeted that Trump has a "dangerous habit" of attacking world leaders online. She said his "obsession with looking tough on Twitter is weakening our standing on the world stage and seriously jeopardizing our national security."

Beyond his monthslong rhetorical volleys with Kim, Trump has unleashed verbal attacks against friend and foe alike when he felt disrespected. After last month's Group of Seven meeting of industrialized nations in Canada, that nation's prime minister, Justin Trudeau, delivered a mild rebuke to Trump by suggesting that Canada may have to levy retaliatory tariffs against the United States.

"Canadians, we're polite, we're reasonable, but we also will not be pushed around," Trudeau said.

Seeing the news coverage while on Air Force One, Trump unleashed a furious series of tweets against arguably the United States' closest ally, calling Trudeau "very dishonest & weak" and threatening to escalate tensions further.

During this month's NATO summit in Brussels, Trump deployed similarly incendiary language, accusing Germany of being controlled by Russia and repeatedly casting doubt on the cornerstone of the NATO alliance, a commitment to mutual defense. Trump claimed his rhetoric secured concessions from NATO allies to boost their spending on defense closer to the previously agreed-upon target of 2 percent of gross domestic product by 2024, but the increases he claimed were already in the works. As the U.S. leader reveled in a celebratory media tour, allies denied they had given Trump anything of substance.

During the tariff standoff with China, Trump has repeatedly escalated his fiery language — and boasted that trade wars are "easy to win" — only to see Beijing retaliate and levy tariffs that could cripple some American workers, including farmers, who have trended toward supporting the president.

But for all of Trump's diplomatic bluster, there is one nation with which he has tended to pull his punches: Russia.

As the special counsel probe into possible links between Russia and Trump campaign officials forges on, Trump has stepped up his attacks on the investigation while also trying to draw closer to Moscow. In one of his tweets over the weekend, he deemed Russian election interference "a big hoax," yet again casting doubt on the findings of this nation's intelligences agencies.

Sanders insisted Monday that the Trump "has been extremely tough on Russia, probably more so than with any other country" and wondered "why that is so hard for the media to write about."

But while the Trump administration has moved to enact some tough sanctions on Russia, the president himself has repeatedly sought to tighten ties to Putin, whom he invited to the White House this fall even after the firestorm of controversy sparked by the Helsinki summit.

Putin's visit drew a cool response from Republican leaders, who have no plans for the Russian to address Congress. And some would prefer he not visit the U.S. in the fall at all.

"I'm one who thinks that it's a good thing for leaders of countries to talk, but I would consider putting that one on the back burner for a while," said Sen. John Cornyn, R-Texas.

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Texas needs nearly $1B to help students afford college

By Eva-Marie Ayala
The Dallas Morning News

A major state program designed to help the neediest students is covering less and less as more and more qualify for the financial aid.

More low-income students are going to college than ever before and that means Texas is having to step up efforts to help them pay for it, said Raymund Paredes, the Commissioner of Higher Education, in a conference call with media last week.

Texas needs $894 million in the next two-year budget cycle to fund it's most widely used financial aid program. That's a $107.5 million increase to what lawmakers approved during the 2017 legislative session.

"We know that over the long run, that model isn't sustainable," Paredes said. "There will be a good deal of consternation as we approach the billion-dollar mark."

The Towards EXcellence, Access and Success (TEXAS) Grant Program was created in 1999 to cover the total cost of school for the state's low-income students. But as more students qualified for help — amid a growing student population — lawmakers who approve the grant's funding began to cap the amount of money each student can receive.

Because education costs are also rising, in the 2017 fiscal year the average grant award for the first time met less than half of the cost of tuition and fees.

Texas helped 72,142 students through the grant that year with the average award of $4,963. That covered about 45 percent of the average amount of tuition and fees.

Paredes hopes to increase the stipend level available to students by about 2 percent in coming years. But he and others have long said changes are needed to the grant program and the state must explore more ways to help make college affordable to students, namely through paid internships or work study programs.

Last year, Sen. Royce West, D-Dallas, proposed a bill that would have allowed private companies to partner with colleges and universities to offer work study employment to students. While the legislation got significant support, it ultimately failed during the final days of session.

Paredes hopes to see similar legislation introduced next year. While work study models or internships would not replace the TEXAS Grant Program, they could provide significant help while giving students important access to employment networking.

"That might help us prevent such a rapid increase in the stipend level for the TEXAS grant. ... If you have an off-campus employer paying for 50 percent of the overall tab of a work study program, that doubles the efficiency and the effectiveness of the state money," Paredes said.

Paredes also shared a preview of the state's progress on meeting goals for the so-called 60x30 initiative. Texas leaders want

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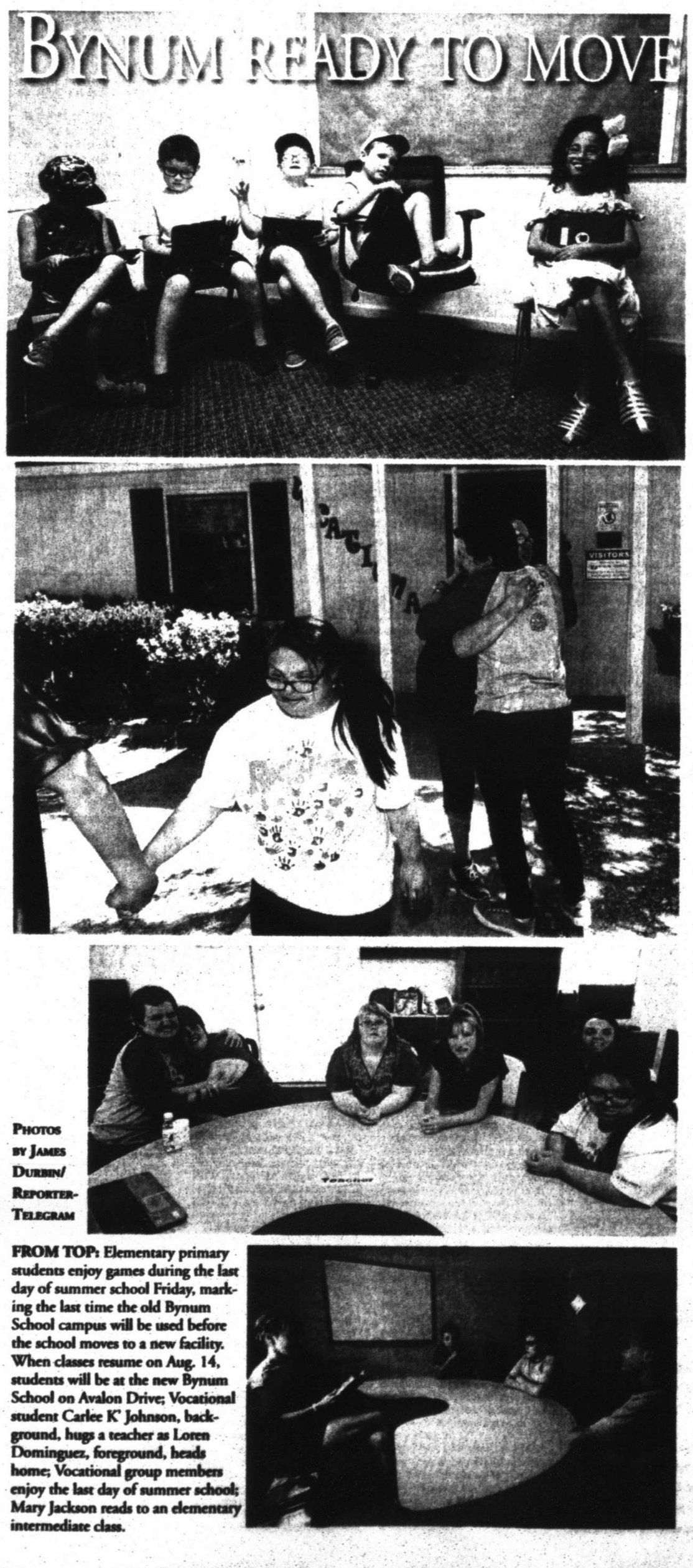

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FROM TOP: Elementary primary students enjoy games during the last day of summer school Friday, marking the last time the old Bynum School campus will be used before the school moves to a new facility. When classes resume on Aug. 14, students will be at the new Bynum School on Avalon Drive; Vocational student Carlee K' Johnson, background, hugs a teacher as Loren Dominguez, foreground, heads home; Vocational group members enjoy the last day of summer school; Mary Jackson reads to an elementary intermediate class.

MC dean named vice president of Instructional Services

■ Damon Kennedy to succeed Richard Jolly

From staff reports

The dean of Social/Behavioral Sciences and Business Division at Midland College has been named vice president of Instructional Services. Damon Kennedy succeeds Richard Jolly, who is retiring next month after serving MC for 35 years.

Kennedy

Kennedy was selected following a nationwide search. The search committee considered numerous candidates and interviewed two finalists, according to a press release from MC.

Kennedy grew up in Snyder, and while he was in school he often played tennis at the college. He attended MC and the University of Texas of the Permian Basin, from which he received a bachelor of arts and a master of arts in American history. He received a doctorate in American history from Texas Tech University. Kennedy became an adjunct professor of history at MC in 2004, and after two years he became a full-time professor of history, according to the release. He was named dean in 2015.

"It is a great privilege to be able to do the kind of work that I love in a place that I love," Kennedy said in a statement. "Midland College and the Midland community have given so much to me and my family and it is an honor to give something back."

MAKING THE GRADE

FROM STAFF REPORTS

LEBANON, Ill. — Midlander **Zachary Breeding** was named to the Dean's List for the spring semester at McKendree University. To be eligible, students must maintain a GPA of at least 3.6.

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ATLANTA — Three Midlanders were named to honor rolls for the spring semester at Georgia Institute of Technology.

Nicholas Friesenhahn earned Faculty Honors. That distinction is for students who maintain a 4.0 GPA.

Margaret Newton and **Ashley Stroup** were named to the Dean's List. To be eligible, students must maintain a GPA of at least 3.0.

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TUSCALOOSA, Ala. – Midlander **McKenna Grace Smith** graduated from the University of Alabama in May. She received a bachelor of science in commerce business administration.

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HUNTSVILLE, Ala. — Fasken Elementary fourth-grader **Charles Morehead** recently attended Space Camp at the U.S. Space and Rocket Center. He is the son of Donna Morehead and Charles Morehead Jr.

The weeklong educational program promotes science, technology, engineering and math (STEM), while training students and with hands-on activities and missions based on teamwork, leadership and problem-solving, according to a press release.

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KMID ABC	3	3	4	3	2	Jeopardy! (N)	Wheel of Fortune	The Middle	The Middle	Black-ish	Black-ish	Defense "Julius Jones: The Fight" (SF) (N)		News (N)	(:35) Jimmy Kimmel Live		(:35) News Nightline
KOSA CBS	7	7	7	7	7	CBS 7 News (N)	Ent. Tonight (N)	NCIS "Keep Your Friends Close"		SEAL Team "Getaway Day"		NCIS: New Orleans "Ties That Bind"		CBS 7 News (N)	(:35) The Late Show		(:35) J.Corden
KWWT CW	5	14		5	14	MASH "Letters"	M*A*S*H	A. Griffith	A. Griffith	Gomer Pyle	WKRP "Fire"	Hogan's Heroes	Hogan's Heroes	Carol Burnett	Perry Mason		Twilight Zone
KPEJ FOX	8	5	5	8	3	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Beat Shazam "Episode Seven" (N)		Love Conn. "Aaron and Maconnie" (N)		News	TMZ	Mom	Modern Family	Modern Family	Met Your Mother
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KPBT PBS	13	13		13	8	PBS NewsHour (N)		10 That Changed America (N)		No Passport Requ "Chicago" (N)		Frontline "UN Sex Abuse Scandal" (N)		Aman-pour (N)	News (N)	News (N)	On Story
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KOSA MNT	16	16		16		Last Man	Last Man	X-Files "Per Manum"		X-Files "Three Words"		MikeBM.	MikeBM.	Anger M.	Anger M.	News	Game
FLIX	340	575		165		(5:20) ½ ★★ Klitschet		½ ★★ Double Take			½ ★★ Bowfinger Steve Martin.			(:15) ½ ★★★ Zack and Miri Make a Porno			
HBO	300	399	14	14		Movie	News (N)	½ Justice League ('17, Act) Gal Gadot.				Real Sports (N)		Sharp Objects "Dirt"	SharpObj	Movie	
HBO2	302	391	15	101	23	(5:40) ½ Jersey Boys		Sharp Objects "Fix"		(:20) VICE	(:20) ½ The Boy Downstairs			Boxing HBO After Dark			
HBO5	304	392	16	102		(:15) ½ ★★★ Practical		Magic Nicole Kidman,		½ ★★ All About Steve			1stLook	½ Battle of the Sexes (2017, Docu-Drama)			
MAX	380	357	17	128	24	(5:15) ½ ★★ Mr. 3000		½ ★★ Weekend at Bernie's		(:40) ½ ★★★ Pirate Radio Lucy Fleming.				(:40) Outcast		Movie	
MAX2	382	550	18	122		(5:30) ½ ★ Everything Must Go Will Ferrell.		½ Geostorm Gerard Butler.						(:20) ½ ★★ Public Enemies ('09, Cri) James Russo.			
PLEX			96			(6:30) ½ ★★ Topaz		½ ★★★ The Man Who Knew Too Much				½ ★★★ Vertigo ('58, Thri) James Stewart.			(:15) ½ Puerto Yang		
SHOW	320	348	19	148	25	(6:20) ½ The Rock		½ Baby Driver ('17, Act) Kevin Spacey.				America?	The Affair		America?	Cartoon	Movie
TMC	306	329	22	155	26	(6:00) ½ Lucky Break		½ ★★ Assault on Precinct 13			(:25) ½ ★★ Assault on Precinct 13 Ja Rule.				½ Patriots Day Mark Wahlberg.		
AAE	27	58	28	35	47	The First 48 "Last Shift"		The First 48 "A Fighting Chance"		The First 48 "A Murder in Mobile"		Born Bars "Drugs Is The Devil" (N)		(:05) The First 48 "A Man's Game"		(:05) The First 48 "A Fighting Chance"	
AMC	40	74	23	42	51	(6:30) ½ ★★★ Signs		½ ★★★ The Goonies ('85, Adv) Sean Astin.						½ ★★ Gwendiline Day ('93, Com) Bill Murray.			
BET	58	-		40		½ Madea's Witness Protection ('12, Com) Eugene Levy, Tyler Perry.						Hit the Floor (N)		Hit the Floor		Martin	Martin
BRAVO	65	76		41		Below Deck		Below Deck		Below Deck (N)		Million Dollar (N)		Watch (N)	Below Deck		Million
CNBC	46	52		39	72	Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Profit "Montiel" (N)		Shark Tank		Shark Tank	
CNN	43	50	51	30	56	OutFront		A. Cooper 360		Cuomo Prime Time		CNN Tonight		CNN Tonight		A. Cooper 360	
DISC	50	80	31	24	42	Cake Shark (N)		GuyFieriFeasy (N)		Laws of Jaws (N)		AirlawsHunted (N)		Shark After Dark (N)		Laws of Jaws	
DISNEY	56	64	36	25	30	Bunk'd	Bug Juice	Andi M.	Raven's.	QUIZney	StuckMM.	Blizard.	Bug Juice	Andi M.	Bunk'd	Bunk'd	Bunk'd
ESPN	32	35	40	31	30	Humanitarian (N)		ESPY Awards				SportsCenter (N)		SportsCenter (N)		SportsCenter (N)	
ESPN2	34	36	49	32	31	NFL Live		WNBA Basketball New York vs Minnesota (L)				NBA: The Jump		U.S. Open NgtNight		Horn	Interrupt
FNC	45	48	53	23	55	The Story		Tucker Carlson		Hannity		The Ingraham Angle		Fox News @ Night		Tucker Carlson	
FOOD	64	70	27	68	54	Chopped		Chopped		Chopped (N)		Chopped		Chopped		Chopped	
FREEFORM	53	63	34	42	39	(6:00) ½ The Parent ...		The Bold Type (N)		½ ★★★ 10 Things I Hate About You				The 700 Club		Mother	Mother
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HALLMARK	54	71	58		34	(6:00) ½ Christmas ...		½ The Christmas Cottage Merritt Patterson.				½ Christmas Next Door Jesse Metcalf.				½ Big Christmas B...	
HGTV	63	89	26	48	46	Fixer Upper		Fixer Upper		Flippers	Flippers	Hidden P	H.Hunt	H.Hunt	H.Hunt	Flippers	Flippers
HISTORY	71	59	29	50	43	Forged "The Kamplin"		Forged in Fire (N)		Forged in Fire (N)		(:05) CounitCars (N)		(:05) Forged in Fire		(:05) Forged in Fire	
LIFETIME	28	30	25	28	48	Married at First Sight "I Do... Not Know You"		Lovelin-locked (N)	Married at (N)	Married "Pressure or Paradise" (N)		(:05) SexYear "At the Flip of a Switch" (N)		(:05) To Be Announced		Love Unlocked	Married at First
MSNBC	47	53		49	73	Hardball (N)		All In (N)		Rachel Maddow (N)		The Last Word (N)		The 11th Hour (N)		Rachel Maddow	
NBCSN	38	43				Mecum18	Mecum18	UCI Cycling Tour de France						American Ninja War.		UCI Cycling	
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SPIKE	30	-	55	53	58	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	½ ★★ Pirates of the Caribbean: On Stranger Tides Johnny Depp.						½ Batman Begins	
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Man loses focus on life after close friend's death

DEAR ABBY

Write Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069. Her column is distributed by Universal Press Syndicate.

DEAR ABBY: A lifelong friend of mine has died unexpectedly. Because he was my age, this brought up issues of my own mortality. We'd had our ups and downs over 25 years, but he moved cross-country to the same city as I'm in and was there for many happy and sad life events, including the deaths of my remaining immediate family and his parents.

I have a wonderful wife and amazing children. We are pretty active and have stressful jobs, so there is little time to be engaged, which leaves me feeling guilty about being less than 100 percent for her and the kids. We have a newborn, and he is a star among stars for me, so I feel even more need to be present at all times.

My friend's death has brought up painful feelings I thought I was over — like the feeling of being an "orphan" (even though I have extended family, I have no immediate family left). Losing someone my age has hit me hard, which I honestly didn't anticipate. I know I'm focusing on the wrong things, like some missed opportunities, but I can't seem to move past them. I feel so drained and useless. Any help would be appreciated. — MISSING MY FRIEND IN LAS VEGAS

DEAR MISSING: Please accept my sympathy for the loss of your good friend. The death of someone close can affect people in many different ways. For some, the reminder that life isn't infinite can trigger them to re-evaluate their relationships or how they have been living their lives.

Because you seem to be unable to move past your feelings of abandonment, which many people experience after the loss of their parents, consider joining a grief support group to help you to work through some of these thoughts you are experiencing. However, if that isn't enough, a licensed therapist may help you to regain your balance.

DEAR ABBY: My daughter's significant other fathered her two children and seemed dedicated to his family. He worked hard to support and care for them. Then, almost overnight, it all changed.

My daughter is now a single (unemployed) mom with two little ones under 4. She needs help, and I need advice about how to best help her. It appears they'll need to move in with us (an arrangement that will be stressful for all). Life is a bowl of lemons, and I need a good recipe for lemonade. Help, please! — READY TO PITCH IN

DEAR READY: This would be my recipe: The first thing you adults should do is remind yourselves that this won't be forever — only until your daughter is able to find a job, get back on her feet and the children are in day care. Repeat it to yourselves out loud when necessary, and it may help you retain your sanity when life becomes stressful.

Next, help your daughter ensure that the children's father continues to provide financially for them. If he is resistant, an attorney may be able to help, and so can government agencies in every state.

And last, give the new additions to your household all the love and understanding you can — which I am sure you are already doing because you seem like a very nice person. This, too, will pass.

GOREN BRIDGE

With Bob Jones

All the difference

Both vulnerable, East deals

NORTH
♠A K 6 3
♡K 9 8 6 4
◇ Void
♣J 10 8 6

WEST
♠J
♡Q 10 7 2
◇J 10 8 4 3
♣9 7 2

EAST
♠10 9
♡J
◇A K Q 9 7 6
♣K 5 4 3

SOUTH
♠Q 8 7 5 4 2
♡A 5 3
◇5 2
♣A Q

The bidding:

EAST	SOUTH	WEST	NORTH
1◇	1♠	Pass	4◇*
Dbl	4♠	All Pass	

*Splinter bid, shortness in diamonds with four-card spade support

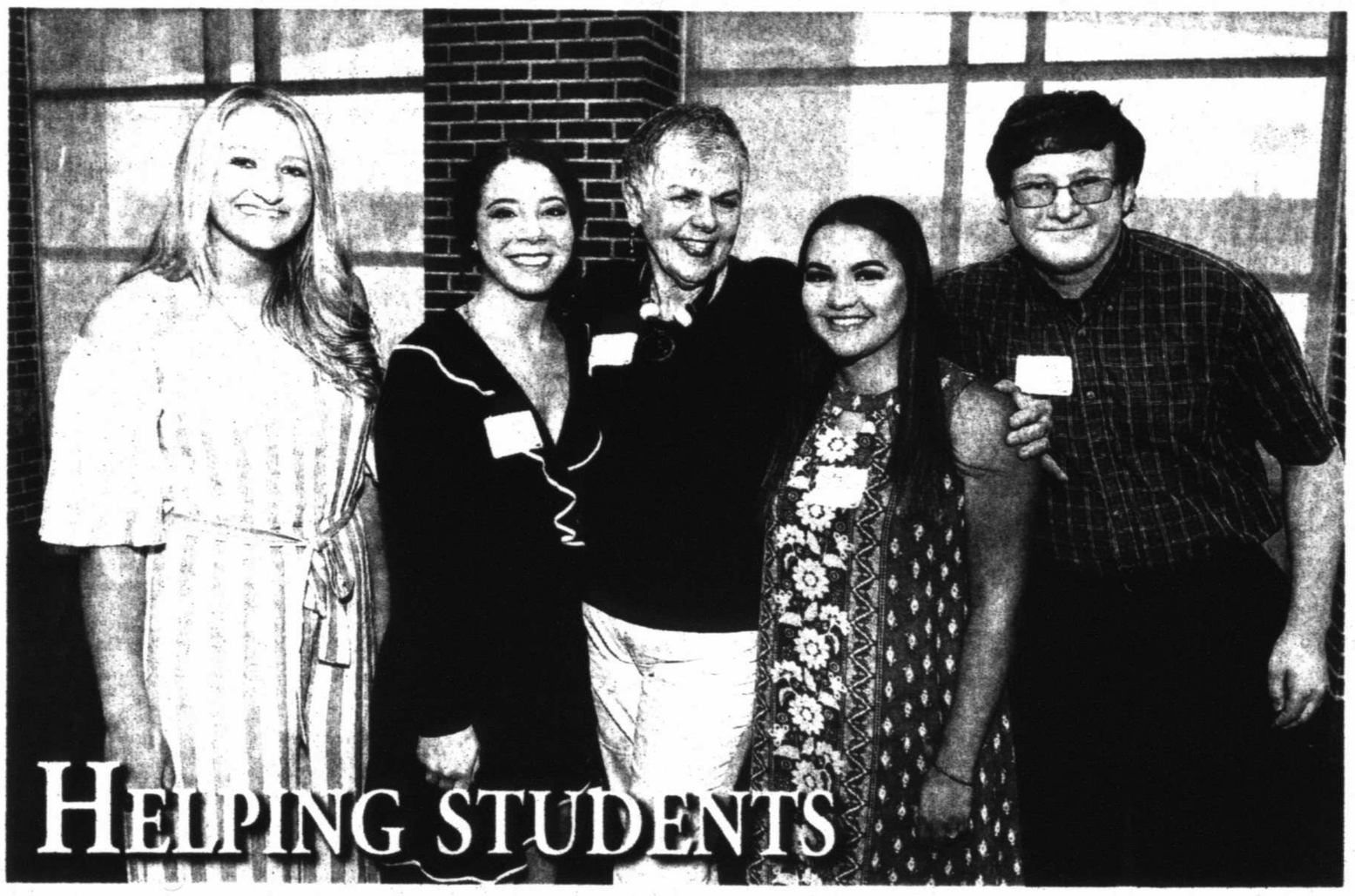
Opening lead: Jack of ◇

Today's deal is from the recent USBA Team Trials to select the USA's next representative to the world championships.

Both East-West pairs were playing Precision. The opening bid only promised two diamonds, so neither West player got involved. What would you do with the South hand after a splinter bid by North? At one table, South signed off in four spades with his minimum hand. He ruffed the opening diamond lead, cashed the ace of spades, and led a low club to his queen. He was able to claim all 13 tricks when that held, as he could eventually take a ruffing finesse against the king of clubs to create a discard for his heart loser.

At the other table, after the same start, American expert Steve Weinstein chose to bid four hearts and show his control in that suit. This made all the difference. North was encouraged to bid five diamonds, confirming a void in diamonds. Weinstein was able to imagine many hands with partner holding four or more spades and a diamond void that would produce a slam, so he jumped to six spades.

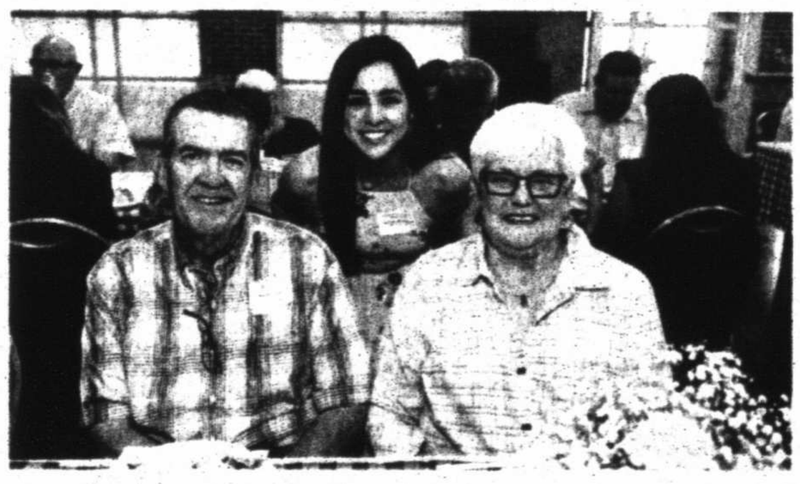
Weinstein took 13 tricks in much the same way as his counterpart at the other table. This fine result led to a victory in the match and Weinstein and his teammates on the Nickel team are headed to the world championships in China. Congratulations!



HELPING STUDENTS

The Permian Basin Area Foundation hosted its annual scholarship dinner Thursday at the Horseshoe. More than $500,000 in scholarships was presented to 245 students.

COUNTERCLOCKWISE FROM TOP: Eileen Piwetz, third from left, executive director of the FMH Foundation, with Marie Hall Scholarship recipients Allyson Carman, from left, Mckenzey Jackson, Kimberly Hernandez and Garrett Peek; Barbara Yarbrough, left, and Kasia Wilson, recipient of the Barbara Yarbrough Scholarship; Alan and Diane Williams with Kathryn McGowan, recipient of the Cole Williams Memorial Scholarship; Sandra and Bill Shiplet with Kayleigh Kitto, recipient of the Todd Shiplet Memorial Scholarship; Jimmy Stallings, left, and Guy McCrary, executive director of the foundation



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Schools eye facial recognition technology to boost security

By Carolyn Thompson
Associated Press

LOCKPORT, N.Y. — The surveillance system that has kept watch on students entering Lockport schools for more than a decade is getting a novel upgrade. Facial recognition technology soon will check each face against a database of expelled students, sex offenders and other possible troublemakers.

It could be the start of a trend as more schools fearful of shootings consider adopting the technology, which has been gaining ground on city streets and in some businesses and government agencies. Just last week, Seattle-based digital software company RealNetworks began offering a free version of its facial recognition system to schools nationwide.

Already, the Lockport City School District's plan has opened a debate in this western New York community and far beyond about the system's potential effectiveness, student privacy and civil rights.

"We shake our heads that we're having to deal with and talk about these kinds of security issues," said Robert LiPuma, technology director for the Lockport district, east of Niagara Falls, "but here we are."

The idea behind the Lockport system is to enable security officers to quickly respond to the appearance of expelled students, disgruntled employees, sex offenders or certain weapons the system is programmed to detect. Only students seen as threats will be loaded into the database. Officials say it is the first school district in the country to adopt the Canadian-made system it is installing.

Administrators say it could thwart shootings such as February's attack in which expelled student Nikolas Cruz is charged with killing 17 people at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida.

"This would have identified (Cruz) as not being able to be in that building," said Tony Olivo, a security consultant who recommended the system for Lockport. Cameras mounted throughout the building would have followed the banned student's every move until he left.

COLLEGE

From 2B

the state to have at least 60 percent of the state's 25- to 30-year-olds holding a career certificate or degree by 2030.

An estimated 42.3 percent of that age group met that standard in 2016, according to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, which oversees public higher education in the state. That's only a slight increase from the prior year's 41 percent.

"We're making progress, but we're not getting better fast enough," Paredes said.

Higher education board members are expected to discuss the progress in more detail during a meeting (this) week.

Also up for discussion at the board's July 26th meeting will be more details on just how well dual credit is working in Texas.

Dual credit allows high school kids — including some freshmen — to enroll in college courses and the state has seen a massive growth in such offerings in recent years.

More than 10 percent of high school students are taking a dual credit class.

And while the growth has helped more students get college credit, it's also complicated the transfer process after high school.

Paredes said the findings mean that much more needs to be done to advise students to ensure that they're taking courses that will fit in with their intended degree plans.

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Briles needs to leave country to return to football

MAC ENGEL
Fort Worth Star-Telegram

One of the most successful, and polarizing, coaches in the history of Texas football can't get a job in North America, and he's likely headed over the pond to be around football.

Art Briles has never lived outside of Texas, and the former Baylor coach is, per sources, "very interested" in coaching an American football team in Italy.

Not Italy, Texas; Florence, Italy.

This would be the equivalent of a low level junior college.

Sources indicate a deal is in the works.

The locale known as the home to the statue of David, the Ponte Vecchio, Boboli Gardens and plenty of red wine also has a football team.

Briles should take the job. Immediately. He will turn 63 in December, and his window to coach shrinks daily. This job is exactly the type of penance and "small start" schools can sell when it wants to consider him as a candidate when positions open in December, because there will be interest.

While Baylor was justified in its decision to fire Briles for his role in the rape saga that has shadowed the school for years, how it was all handled was unnecessary, and malicious.

In recent weeks a sworn deposition from former Baylor athletic director Ian McCaw, and my interview with former Baylor defensive coordinator Phil Bennett, offer other views that the issues of addressing sexual assault properly was a Baylor problem. Not just a Baylor football problem.

Sources said Briles had

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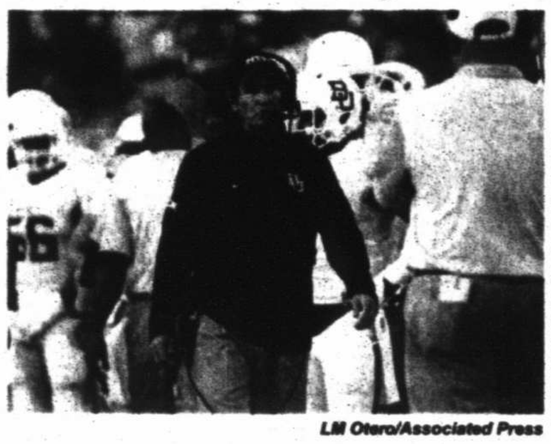

Baylor head coach Art Briles watches from the sideline during the first half of an NCAA game against SMU on Sept. 4, 2015, in Dallas.

LM Otero/Associated Press

Italy's first major champion

Peter Morrison/Associated Press

Francesco Molinari of Italy kisses the trophy after winning the British Open Golf Championship on Sunday in Carnoustie, Scotland.

Italy's Molinari is not flashy, but consistent

By Doug Ferguson
Associated Press

CARNOUSTIE, Scotland — There is nothing flashy about Francesco Molinari except for the players he keeps beating.

He was a forgotten figure when he teed off in the final round of the British Open, mainly because he was playing with Tiger Woods, and because of the star power around him. Jordan Spieth was tied for the lead. Rory McIlroy was one shot behind Molinari.

"If someone was expecting a charge, they probably weren't expecting it from me," he said. "But it's been the same the whole of my career."

His name etched into the silver claret jug should help with that.

Now that's flashy.

And it wasn't an accident. The 35-year-old Italian was the hottest player in golf in the two months leading up to the British Open with two victories and two runner-up finishes. All he did at the BMW PGA Championship was go head-to-head with McIlroy in the final round and beat him by two. A month later, he shot 62 in the final round to win the Quicken Loans National, with tournament host Woods finishing fourth and presenting Molinari the trophy.

Carnoustie tempered some of that confidence.

Reputed to be the toughest links in golf, especially in the 20 mph gusts that finally arrived Sunday, Molinari stopped playing the Dunhill Links Championship because that one stop on the three-course rotation ate him up.

"I got beaten up around here a few times already in the past," Molinari said. "I didn't particularly enjoy that feeling."

And yet there he was in the final round, with major champions in front of him and behind him and the biggest one of them all — Woods next to him in a final round so wild that seven players had a share of the lead at various times, and six players were tied on the back nine.

McIlroy and former U.S. Open champion Justin Rose made a charge. Woods and Spieth were among five contenders to make double bogeys.

In the midst of such great theater, Molinari made his biggest move by not going anywhere at all. He opened with 13 pars, including the 12th and 13th holes as Woods lost the lead with a double bogey and a bogey.

Molinari took the lead for the first time with a two-putt birdie on the par-5 14th. He made one more birdie on the final hole by hitting driving that narrowly avoided a pot bunker, leaving him a lob wedge to 5 feet for a birdie that secured his place in history as Italy's first major champion.

"That putt on the last, I'll never forget," he said.

Molinari closed with a 69, significant for two reasons. He was the only player from the final two groups to break par, and he didn't make a bogey over the last 37 holes.

"He's been playing unbelievable golf. He's been working his butt off," Spieth said. "I see him in the gym all the time, going through his routine, grinding on the range, doing his own stuff. It truly is hard work that paid off for Francesco. I'm certainly happy for him. I've

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Oklahoma RB Anderson accepts roles as star, leader

By Cliff Brunt
Associated Press

NORMAN, Okla. — Oklahoma running back Rodney Anderson couldn't be much more different than Baker Mayfield.

Anderson

Mayfield reveled in being the center of attention. The Heisman Trophy-winning quarterback was cocky, outspoken and didn't mind stirring the pot.

Now that Mayfield has moved on to the NFL as the No. 1 overall draft pick, Anderson has assumed Mayfield's leadership role. Anderson seemingly sneaked into Sunday's Media Day, and had his presence not been announced, it might have been missed.

Anderson would have been fine with that.

"I honestly try to stay out of the limelight," Anderson said. "I don't really go a lot of places. I don't really go out that much at all, really. People recognize me a little bit more, but I don't really feed into type of thing."

Anderson is all about action, especially because he suffered a season-ending knee injury two games into the 2015 season and a season-ending neck injury in fall camp in 2016. He didn't even start until mid-season last year because of two major injuries that slowed him down, but he finished the season with 1,442 yards and 18 touchdowns from scrimmage. In his best game, he had 290 yards and four touchdowns from scrimmage in a regular-season win over TCU .

Those numbers and his demeanor have earned his teammates' respect. He enters this season as one of the nation's best players.

"He's kind of been the guy that's trying to take the team by storm," Oklahoma quarterback Kyler Murray said. "He's obviously a force in the backfield. He's built off work ethic. He's a guy you're probably not going to beat in the weight room."

Murray got the most attention at Media Day, and the first-round Major League Baseball pick seemed much more comfortable fielding questions than Anderson. But Anderson has the numbers — in his final eight games last season, he had 1,333 yards and 16 touchdowns from scrimmage. At 6-foot-1 and 220 pounds, he is a powerhouse with breakaway speed and good enough hands to have grabbed five touchdown receptions last season.

He'll carry even more of the load this season, both as a player and a leader. He has moved forward since an Oklahoma prosecutor decided against charging him with sexual assault late last year . The Cleveland County District Attorney said that "definitely, charges are not warranted

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Dutchover scores 2nd round knockout victory

From staff reports

ONTARIO, Calif. — Making his eight-round debut over the weekend, Midland High grad and junior lightweight boxer Michael Dutchover scored a second-round knockout victory over Sergio Ramirez in front of a sold-out crowd at the Doubletree Hotel.

Dutchover

The one-punch knockout in which Dutchover used in right hand to connect to Ramirez's chin, happened with 43 seconds left in the second round.

The 20-year-old Dutchover, who improved to 10-0 with seven knockouts, was also appearing in his first main event since turning professional two years ago.

"I timed it just right," Dutchover was quoted on the Thompson Boxing website. "He came at me with a lazy punch and I just unloaded that right hand he dropped like a fly."

Ramirez dropped to 4-3 in his career.

Dutchover added that he goes into every fight expecting a tough challenge.

"I was ready to go the full eight rounds, but I'm glad I was able to end it early and give the fans something to talk about," Dutchover said.

Ryan Lochte suspended until July 2019 for use of IV

By Tim Reynolds
Associated Press

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. — Ryan Lochte posted a photo for the world to see, and the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency noticed.

It got him suspended — again.

The longtime U.S. swimming star has been banned from competition until July 2019, which means the 12-time Olympic medalist cannot compete as planned in the national championships that start this week in California. Lochte will also be ineligible for other top meets, including the Pan Pacific Championships later this year and next year's world championships.

Lochte

"This is devastating," Lochte said.

He did not take a banned substance. But he got an intravenous injection of vitamins in May — and since it exceeded 100 milliliters, no matter what was involved, he broke anti-doping rules. The 14-month ban, retroactive to May 24 and announced Monday by USADA, is his second in less than two years

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DAILYRUNDOWN

FROM STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

ON THE AIR

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Cycling
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Horse Racing
Saratoga Live, 3 p.m., FS2
Major League Baseball
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Copa MX: Atletico San Luis vs. Tigres UANL, 6:55 p.m., UDN
Copa Sudamericana: Junior FC vs. CA Lanus, 7:30 p.m., FXDEP
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Houston at Colorado, 7:30 p.m., KBYG 106.1 FM/1400 AM (Big Spring)
Texas League Baseball
Midland at Frisco, 7 p.m., KCRS 95.5 FM/97.5 FM/550 AM

LITTLE LEAGUE

From staff reports

MID CITY INTERMEDIATE TO PLAY FOR SW REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

GRAND JUNCTION, Colo. – The Mid City Intermediate All-Star team is heading to the title game of the Intermediate 50/70 Southwest Regional Championship Baseball Tournament after a victory over a fellow Texas team on Monday night.

Mid City defeated Houston West University, 15-3, in the semifinal round behind 15 hits. Dax Patton led Mid City by going 3-for-3 with a double, triple and four RBI; Christian Wiggins was 2-for-4 with a double, triple and four RBI; and Dawson Bullard was 3-for-4 with a two doubles, RBI and two runs scored.

Mid City was the Texas West champion, while West University was the Texas East champion.

Mid City advances to Wednesday's 7 p.m. CDT title game against a to-be-determined opponent. The winner of the tournament advances to the Intermediate 50/70 World Series will be held July 29-Aug. 5 in Livermore, California.

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
American League
MINNESOTA TWINS — Optioned RHP Alan Busenitz to Rochester (IL). Recalled LHP Adalberto Mejia from Rochester.
TAMPA BAY RAYS — Placed LHP Blake Snell on the 10-day DL. Optioned OF Justin Williams to Durham (IL). Recalled SS Willy Adames from Durham.
TORONTO BLUE JAYS — Optioned SS Richard Urena to Buffalo (IL). Reinstated 2B Lourdes Gurriel Jr. from the 7-day DL.
National League
ATLANTA BRAVES — Assigned OF Danny Santana outright to Gwinnett (IL).
CHICAGO CUBS — Optioned RHP Dillon Maples to Iowa (PCL).
COLORADO ROCKIES — Placed RHP German Marquez on paternity leave. Reinstated RHP Antonio Senzatela from the 10-day DL.
LOS ANGELES DODGERS — Placed INF Justin Turner on the 10-day DL. Recalled OF Alex Verdugo from Oklahoma City (PCL).
MILWAUKEE BREWERS — Placed LHP Brent Suter on the 10-day DL. Recalled RHP Jorge Lopez from Colorado Springs (PCL).
NEW YORK METS — Recalled RHP Paul Sewald from Las Vegas (PCL).
PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES — Recalled RHP Yacksel Rios from Lehigh Valley (IL).
ST. LOUIS CARDINALS — Placed 2B Kolten Wong on the 10-day DL, retroactive to Sunday. Recalled RHP Daniel Poncedeleon from Memphis (PCL).
SAN DIEGO PADRES — Optioned C Raffy Lopez to El Paso (PCL). Placed RHP Colten Brewer on the 10-day DL. Returned RHP Kazuhisa Makita to El Paso. Recalled 3B Cory Spangenberg and LHP Joey Lucchesi from El Paso.
WASHINGTON NATIONALS — Optioned RHP Koda Glover to Syracuse (IL).
American Association
WICHITA WINGNUTS — Traded RHP John Hayes to Cleburne for a player to be named.
WINNIPEG GOLDEYES — Released OF McClain Bradley. Traded RHP Pete Perez to New Jersey (Can-Am) for a player to be named.
Atlantic League
LONG ISLAND DUCKS — Placed RHP Brandon Pinder on the reserve/retired list.
Can-Am League
ROCKLAND BOULDERS — Released INF Aaron Wilson.
BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association
DALLAS MAVERICKS — Re-signed F Dirk Nowitzki to a one-year contract.
Women's NBA
WASHINGTON MYSTICS — Traded G Taylor Hill and a 2019 second-round draft pick to Dallas for F Aerial Powers.
FOOTBALL
National Football League
ARIZONA CARDINALS — Placed CB Chris Campbell, DE Markus Golden and TE Jermaine Gresham on the PUP list. Waived/non-football injury TE Beau Sandland. Signed TE Chris Bazile to a one-year contract.
CAROLINA PANTHERS — Named Don Toner equipment manager and Greg Almond assistant equipment manager.
CHICAGO BEARS — Waived OL Jeremi Hall.
CINCINNATI BENGALS — Placed LB Brandon Bell on the active/non-football injury list.
NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS — Signed RB Sony Michel. Placed OL Andrew Jelks on the reserve/retired list.
SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS — Signed OT Mike McGlinchey to a four-year contract.
HOCKEY
National Hockey League
CAROLINA HURRICANES — Named Ryan Warsofsky assistant coach of Charlotte (AHL).
CHICAGO BLACKHAWKS — Named Chris Chelios team ambassador.
NEW JERSEY DEVILS — Named Rick Kowalsky and Mike Grier assistant coaches.
American Hockey League
GRAND RAPIDS GRIFFINS — Named Andrea Stasenya group sales account executive. Promoted Allie Benner to digital marketing assistant, Jessica Boyer to season ticket sales development manager and Peter Van Dame to season ticket business development manager.
SAN DIEGO GULLS — Signed RW Corey Tropp to a one-year contract.
ECHL
ECHL — Named Stephen Thomson manager of officiating.
MANCHESTER MONARCHS — Signed F Joe Sullivan to a one-year contract.
WORCESTER RAILERS — Re-signed F Dylan Willick to a one-year contract.
OLYMPIC SPORTS
USADA — Suspended swimmer Ryan Lochte until July 2019 for getting an intravenous infusion.
SOCCER
Major League Soccer
COLORADO RAPIDS — Traded F Dominique Badji, an international roster spot and an undisclosed 2019 draft pick to FC Dallas for M Kellyn Acosta and 2019 first- and second-round draft picks.
COLLEGE
EDINBORO — Named Olivia Whipple assistant men's basketball coach.
NVIT — Named Katie Lynch Apostolopoulos softball coach.
NYU — Named Amanda Colombo assistant women's volleyball coach.
SOUTH CAROLINA STATE — Named Fred Farrier associate head football coach and wide receivers coach, Bennett Swygert offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach, Ra'Shon Goddard offensive line coach, Corey Jenkins tight ends and fullbacks coach and Keith Jones secondary coach.
TEXAS RIO GRANDE VALLEY — Named Josh Blakley assistant baseball coach.

PRO RODEO RESULTS

Through July 22
All-around
1. Tef Cooper, Decatur, $139,259
2. Trevor Brazile, Decatur, $123,160
3. Ryle Smith, Oakdale, Calif. $86,985
4. Rhen Richard, Roosevelt, Utah $68,031
5. Curtis Cassidy, Dunsdale, Alberta $79,204
6. Dakota Eldridge, Elko, Nev. $60,037
7. Jordan Hotscher, Squaw Valley, Calif. $54,650
Saddle Bronc Riding
1. Tim O'Connell, Zwingle, Iowa $123,552
2. Caleb Bennett, Tremonton, Utah $116,161
3. Bill Tutor, Huntsville, $81,675
4. Mason Clements, Springville, Utah $81,321
5. Jake Brown, Cleveland, $79,420
6. Clayton Biglow, Clements, Calif. $70,655
7. Richmond Champion, The Woodlands, $69,886
Steer Wrestling
1. Tyler Pearson, Louisville, Miss. $79,906
2. Curtis Cassidy, Dunsdale, Alberta $67,169
3. Cole Edge, Durant, Okla. $60,000
4. Scott Guenther, Provost, Alberta $59,842
5. Bridger Chambers, Stevensville, Mont. $59,522
6. Will Lummus, West Point, Miss. $57,937
7. Ty Erickson, Helena, Mont. $54,480
Team Roping (header)
1. Clay Smith, Broken Bow, Okla. $75,200
2. Dallas Bucknlon, Kingston, Okla. $72,120
3. Aaron Tsinigine, Tolo City, Ariz. $65,000
4. Dustin Egusquiza, Mariana, Fla. $65,876
5. Cody Snow, Los Olivos, Calif. $64,213
6. Luke Brown, Rock Hill, S.C. $60,102
7. Kaleb Driggers, Hoboken, Ga. $59,699
Team Roping (heeler)
1. Paul Eaves, Lonedell, Mo. $75,200
2. Trey Yates, Pueblo, Colo. $68,169
3. Rory Kontz, Stephenville, $65,676
4. Wesley Thorp, Throckmorton, $63,224
5. John Long, Collinsville, Miss. $60,102
6. Junior Nogueira, Presidente Prudente, Brazil $59,000
7. Matt Kasner, Cody, Neb. $58,622
Saddle Bronc Riding
1. Jacobs Crawley, Boerne, $114,735
2. Wade Sundell, Redkote, Iowa $69,696
3. Brody Cress, Hillsdale, Wyo. $67,793
4. Zeke Thurston, Big Valley, Alberta $62,516
5. Rusty Wright, Milford, Utah $61,324
6. Ryder Wright, Milford, Utah $60,769
7. Isaac Diaz, Deadmores, $71,158
Tie-down Roping
1. Tyson Durfey, Weatherford, $69,792
2. Tef Cooper, Decatur, $63,678
3. Ryle Smith, Oakdale, Calif. $60,469
4. Trevor Brazile, Decatur, $71,297
5. Shane Hanchey, Sulphur, La. $65,347
6. Julio Pratt, Ellensburg, Wash. $54,860
7. Caleb Smith, Buhlite, $52,144
Steer Roping
1. Tef Cooper, Decatur, $61,697
2. Scott Snedecor, Fredericksburg, $59,648
3. Rocky Patterson, Pratt, Kan. $59,409
4. Tony Reina, Wharton, $57,885
5. Trevor Brazile, Decatur, $34,287
6. Chris Glover, Kennedale, Colo. $33,626
7. Garrett Hale, Snyder, $32,801
Bull Riding
1. Sage Kimzey, Stony City, Okla. $200,303
2. Parker Breding, Edgar, Mont. $125,200
3. Trey Benton III, Rock Island, $60,739
4. Dustin Dugas, Boyce, La. $70,713
5. Boudreaux Campbell, Crockett, $70,466
6. Cole Melancon, Batson, $69,999
7. Joe Frost, Randlett, Utah $69,835
Bareback Riding
1. Haley Kinzel, Cotulla, $229,057
2. Nelle Miller, Cottonwood, Calif. $122,021
3. Ted Settle, Round Top, $102,824
4. Lisa Lockhart, Oakdale, S.D. $59,454
5. Kelly Bruner, Milsap, $58,355
6. Ryle Wood, Comanche, Okla. $77,691
7. Jessica Routier, Buffalo, S.D. $75,979

Brooks Middle School's Ortega chosen for elite football game

From staff reports

Alexander Ortega, an incoming eighth grader at Brooks Middle School in the Greenwood ISD, has been invited to participate in the Bret Cooper Football Junior Academic All American Bowl in Dallas on Dec. 31.

The 13-year-old wide receiver is being recognized not only for his play on the field but his work in the classroom and his character as the game showcases the very top junior high school athletes around the country and internationally, according to the invitation Ortega received.

Ortega is one of 60 selected among the 30,000 players viewed during the selection process.

Each Junior All-American bowl will be an East vs. West format with high school, college, pro and ex-NFL players serving as head coaches.

The letter also states that Bret Cooper Football helps prepares players for the next level and rosters are requested and submitted to colleges and universities around the country, as well as major national publications, highlighting the next top recruits.

Bret Cooper football is recognized as the gold standard for college prep for student athletes, according to its website.

Courtesy photo

Brooks Middle School's Alexander Ortega

Nowitzki officially signed for record 21st season with Mavs

Associated Press

DALLAS — Dirk Nowitzki is officially signed for a record 21st season with the Dallas Mavericks.

The Mavericks announced Monday that they had re-signed the 13-time All-Star.

That was their plan when they declined a team option on Nowitzki's contract at the start of free agency to create more room under the salary cap before signing DeAndre Jordan.

Nowitzki, a former NBA MVP who turned 40 last month, is set to become the first player in NBA history to play 21 consecutive seasons for the same franchise. The 7-foot German is one of six players overall, and the only international player, with more than 30,000 career points.

His $5 million contract is the same amount he would have been guaranteed for 2018-19 for the second season of a two-year deal signed last summer.

ANDERSON

From 1C

under these circumstances." Anderson got back to work from there and ran for 201 yards and two touchdowns in Oklahoma's College Football Playoff loss to Georgia.

"He's just kind of the classic guy of, you just watch what he does," Oklahoma coach Lincoln Riley said. "He leads by his actions. I think people notice his actions more now because he has produced on the field and because of some of the things he's gone through in his life, both on and off the field. I think people notice that and the way he carries himself."

Anderson isn't always at a loss for words — his face brightens and he speaks at length about his offensive line. He knows he can't succeed alone.

"It's different now," Riley said. "He's got to be more vocal in some areas, and he's done that. I'll give him credit. For some guys like him, it's hard to get out of that shell and do that, but I think he's embraced it, and I think he's understanding that if he only plays well and doesn't have the impact that he has to have on the rest of this team, we won't be good enough."

Anderson won't be resting on his accomplishments. The events of the past few years have left him unable to take things for granted.

"I don't think I can ever be comfortable," he said. "That's just me being a competitor. I feel like I've always got something I can strive for, something to prove to myself."

BRILES

From 1C

discussions with Waco High School about its vacancy that was recently filled. The high school level was not his preference, but he wants to coach.

The last time he coached was Baylor's win over North Carolina in the Athletic Bowl on Dec. 29, 2015. Baylor fired him in May 2016; other than a few visits to NFL camps, he has mostly lived in seclusion with his wife at their home in Horseshoe Bay, near Austin.

Per the terms of his buyout, Briles was paid $17.9 million; that figure comes from Baylor's 990 IRS form that was filed in 2017.

The previous figures of Briles' buyout began at $5 million; then another reported figure was $15 million. Per the IRS form, it was just under $18 million.

Sources said when Briles was fired that he expected to land another job within a few months. So did Baylor. Baylor originally put in the buyout agreement that he could not take another job in Texas, or in the Big 12. Briles rejected that stipulation, but it did not matter.

No one will touch him not just in Texas, but in North America.

Purdue was interested. Texas Tech reached out to Baylor officials about hiring Briles as an assistant, but that died. Houston released a statement that said the former UH coach was not a candidate after Tom Herman left.

A Canadian football team hired Briles to be an assistant in the summer of 2017 for less than one day before it severed ties.

Briles was invited to speak at the American Football Coaches' Association convention earlier this year, but Baylor officials politely leaned on the organization to ask him not to show. The school is desperate to put this whole saga behind it, and it feels Briles' talking about his tenure at all will extend the negative publicity.

Baylor is right. Whenever Briles does an extensive interview, it's going to make Baylor look bad. Sources have indicated he's been in discussion with various outlets about doing just that. He should.

He has something to say on this.

As the head coach, however, Briles is responsible for his team. The school was justified, and within its right, to remove him.

To single him out when so many people were responsible was also deliberate, calculated and vicious.

Would I have fired him? You are talking about the one person most responsible for Baylor's launch to national relevance in the modern era. If there was a reason not to fire him, you find it and retain that employee.

He was the face of a program that had some horrendously criminal behaviors on his watch; even his most passionate defenders understand why Baylor fired him.

A high-ranking member of the Baylor Board of Regents told me that the program did have discipline problems under Briles, but that he did not think it should have fired him.

"I didn't agree with the decision, but I support it," he said.

What Briles' defenders cannot comprehend is the deliberate effort on the part of the university to deep fry him.

Would I hire him? After a "go away" period of more than two years and a low-level job coaching football in Florence, Italy? Yes.

Everyone else involved this whole thing has moved on and landed other jobs within their respective professions. If they desired.

The one who has not is Briles.

He should go to Italy.

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Texas Rangers center fielder Delino DeShields (3), second baseman Rougned Odor (12) and right fielder Ryan Rua (16) watch as the hit by Oakland Athletics' Matt Chapman falls for a base hit during the eighth inning of a baseball game Monday in Arlington.

A's beat Texas 15-3 for 24th win in 31 games

By Stephen Hawkins
Associated Press

ARLINGTON — Jonathan Lucroy hit a grand slam off his former battery mate and the surging Oakland Athletics beat the Texas Rangers 15-3 on Monday night for their 24th win in 31 games.

Stephen Piscotty also went deep against Rangers starter Cole Hamels (5-9), a potential trade target for some contending teams even though he has struggled at home all season.

Oakland right-hander Brett Anderson (2-2) struck out six over six innings.

Hamels allowed seven runs and nine hits in five innings, with five strikeouts, two walks and a hit batsman. The lefty is 1-7 with a 6.41 ERA in 10 home starts this season, and 4-2 with a 2.93 ERA in 10 starts away from Arlington.

The A's (58-43) are a season-best 15 games over .500 after the 24-7 stretch since June 16 that is the best in the majors during that span. They are still third in the loaded AL West, behind Houston and Seattle.

Elvis Andrus had a two-run homer that was his 1,500th career hit for last-place Texas, which is 4-13 in July.

Lucroy, hitting ninth in the Oakland lineup, made it 4-0 with his slam in the second inning that was only his second homer this season. Lucroy was traded from Milwaukee to Texas at the non-waiver trade deadline in 2016, then sent to Colorado at the same time the following season. Texas was 11-7 in games Hamels started with Lucroy catching.

Piscotty ended an 0-for-11 slide with his 13th homer, a two-run shot in the fifth that made it 7-2. He added an RBI double after Hamels was out of the game, when Matt Chapman hit a three-run homer and had an RBI double. Khris Davis went deep for the 24th time this season.

Texas used two position players to pitch for the first time in team history. Carlos Tocci got the last two outs of the eighth and Ryan Rua pitched a 1-2-3 ninth. They were the only of the five Rangers pitchers who didn't allow a run.

Trainer's room

Athletics: OF Matt Joyce, on the DL again with a lumbar strain, started rehab with some dry swings back in Oakland. ... Manager Bob Melvin said right-hander Daniel Gossett, out since June 4 with a strained right elbow, "had a little bit of a setback" and has stopped throwing. Gossett will see another doctor soon after again feeling some tightness.

Rangers: Slugger Joey Gallo was out of the lineup a day after exiting the series finale against Cleveland with a sprained left ankle. Manager Jeff Banister indicated the injury wasn't serious, and said he just wanted to give Gallo some extra time. ... RHP Chris Martin, on the DL since July 5 with a left groin strain, could throw live BP later this week.

Up next

Rangers lefty Mike Minor (6-6), who pitched only 77 2/3 innings as a reliever for Kansas City last year after missing two full seasons because of shoulder surgery, will reach 100 innings this season when he records two outs in his 19th start for Texas. The A's will recall RHP Frankie Montas (5-2) from Triple-A Nashville for his first big league start since six scoreless innings at Houston on July 9.

MLB ROUNDUP

Associated Press

American League

TWINS 8, BLUE JAYS 3

TORONTO — Logan Morrison homered and had three RBIs, Max Kepler added a two-run blast and the Minnesota Twins beat the Toronto Blue Jays 8-3 on Monday night, snapping a three-game losing streak.

Joe Mauer and Mitch Garver each had three hits and right-hander Adalberto Mejia (1-0) pitched 5 1/3 innings for his first win of the season as the Twins bounced back after being swept at Kansas City over the weekend.

Lourdes Gurriel Jr. hit a solo home run for the Blue Jays. Toronto swept a three-game series from Baltimore over the weekend but couldn't extend its winning streak against the Twins.

Promoted from Triple-A Rochester to make his second start of the season, Mejia allowed one run and eight hits, leaving with the bases loaded. Matt Belisle came on and retired two straight to escape the jam.

TIGERS 5, ROYALS 4

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Jim Adduci delivered a two-run double in the ninth and scored the go-ahead run on James McCann's double as the Detroit Tigers rallied for a 5-4 victory over the Kansas City Royals on Monday night.

After Adduci's double off Brandon Maurer tied it, Jason Hamel replaced Maurer and gave up a first-pitch RBI double to McCann, his third hit, to put the Tigers ahead.

Maurer (0-4) faced three batters in the ninth and all scored.

Alex Wilson (1-3) picked up the win. Shane Greene gave up a two-out single in the ninth before earning his 20th save in 23 chances.

Heath Fillmyer, who was making his second Royals start, allowed two runs, one unearned, on three singles, while striking out six and walking two in 6 2/3 innings.

He had retired 15 in a row before walking Victor Martinez with two outs in the seventh. After Adduci dumped a single down the third-base line, Kevin McCarthy replaced Fillmyer. McCann and Jose Iglesias delivered run-producing singles.

RED SOX 5, ORIOLES 3

BALTIMORE — Rick Porcello scattered six hits over six scoreless innings, Mitch Moreland homered and the Boston Red Sox beat the Baltimore Orioles 5-3 Monday night in a matchup between the best and worst teams in the major leagues.

Andrew Benintendi drove in two runs for the AL East leaders, who have won 15 of 17 to move 40 games over .500 (71-31) for the first time since 1949.

Porcello (12-4) struck out six and walked one in surpassing his win total of 2017. It was a nice bounce-back performance by the 2016 AL Cy Young Award winner, who allowed eight runs in two innings against Toronto in his last outing.

After Jonathan Schoop hit a two-run homer off Brandon Workman in the eighth, Craig Kimbrel gave up an RBI single to Caleb Joseph in the ninth but earned his 32nd save.

Kevin Gausman (4-8) gave up five runs, three hits and three walks for Baltimore. He came undone during Boston's four-run fifth, when he issued three straight walks — the last with the bases loaded — and a two-run double to Benintendi.

RAYS 7, YANKEES 6

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — About the only thing Gary Sanchez was quick to do Monday night was accept the blame for his lack of effort.

Sanchez failed to hustle on a pair of key plays, Jake Bauers hit a three-run homer and scored with some nifty baserunning, and the Tampa Bay Rays beat Luis Severino and the New York Yankees 7-6 on Monday night.

"You learn a lot in this game," Sanchez said through a translator. "This is one of those instances where you learn from it. You put it behind and look forward to tomorrow."

The Yankees loaded the bases against Jose Alvarado with one out in the ninth when Brett Gardner singled, Aaron Judge walked and Giancarlo Stanton was intentionally walked. After Aaron Hicks hit into a force out at the plate, Alvarado got his first save when Sanchez grounded out, a play where Hicks beat the play at second but the Yankees catcher was thrown out at first after jogging most of the way there.

"I should have run harder," Sanchez said.

Hicks limped off the field after his slide. He was OK after the game.

National League

BRAVES 12, MARLINS 1

MIAMI — Freddie Freeman hit his 17th homer and also doubled for the Atlanta Braves, who totaled 16 hits to beat the Miami Marlins 12-1 on Monday night.

Freeman is batting .469 with five homers in eight games against Miami this year. The Braves improved to 6-2 versus the Marlins and have outscored them 56-29.

Charlie Culberson had a career-high four hits, including a pair of doubles, and drove in three runs. Dansby Swanson hit his eighth homer.

Sean Newcomb (9-5) overcame a wobbly start to allow one run in six innings and earn his first win since June 16. He improved to 3-0 in three outings against Miami this season with an ERA of 1.00.

Three relievers completed a five-hitter.

Jose Urena (2-10) permitted five runs in four innings. He fell to 0-8 at home.

Justin Bour homered for Miami.

Freeman hit a two-run homer in the first, and Swanson added a solo shot in the second.

DODGERS 7, PHILLIES 6

PHILADELPHIA — Max Muncy, Yasmani Grandal, Chris Taylor and Joc Pederson hit solo homers and Alex Verdugo scored the tiebreaking run on a wild pitch in the top of the ninth inning, lifting the Los Angeles Dodgers to a 7-6 victory over the Philadelphia Phillies in a matchup of division leaders Monday night.

Maikel Franco hit a pair of solo homers and Rhys Hoskins and Odubel Herrera also went deep for the Phillies.

Verdugo led off the ninth with a walk against closer Seranthony Dominguez (1-3). Pederson followed with a single. After Manny Machado struck out, Muncy walked. Verdugo scored when catcher Jorge Alfaro couldn't catch Dominguez's outside pitch. Dominguez exited after walking Grandal. Matt Kemp grested Luis Garcia with an RBI single to make it 7-5.

Scott Alexander (2-0) tossed a scoreless inning for the win. Kenley Jansen finished for his 29th save in 32 chances. Franco hit Jansen's first pitch out to left for his 15th homer.

PADRES 3, METS 2

NEW YORK — Jacob deGrom's winless streak reached five games as the major league ERA leader was hurt by a pair of errors behind him, and the San Diego Padres beat the New York Mets 3-2 Monday night in a matchup of teams with the worst records in the National League.

Rookie left-hander Joey Lucchesi (5-5), brought back from the minor leagues, battled the Mets for the much of the evening with his churve, a combination curveball-changeup at about 80 mph.

Manuel Margot hit a go-ahead triple in a two-run fifth inning after right fielder Jose Bautista dropped Christian Villanueva's fly ball. The Padres made it 3-1 in the sixth when Wil Myers doubled and scored when charging shortstop Amed Rosario let Eric Hosmer's chopper get under his glove and bounce into the outfield.

REDS 2, CARDINALS 1

CINCINNATI — St. Louis starter Daniel Poncedeleon made a sensational debut 14 months after suffering a severe head injury, throwing no-hit ball for seven innings Monday night before Eugenio Suarez led the Cincinnati Reds' two-out rally in the ninth for a 2-1 victory over the Cardinals.

Suarez's two-out, solo homer off Bud Norris (3-3) tied it 1-1. The closer then loaded the bases on a pair of singles and a walk, and pinch-hitter Dilson Herrera singled to end the Reds' losing streak at four games. Jared Hughes (3-3) pitched the ninth.

The late rally overshadowed Poncedeleon's incredible comeback.

The 26-year-old right-hander was hit on the right temple by a line drive while pitching for Triple-A Memphis on May 9 last year, fracturing his skull and causing bleeding in the brain. He had emergency surgery followed by months of slow recovery.

DIAMONDBACKS 7, CUBS 1

CHICAGO — Paul Goldschmidt homered and Patrick Corbin pitched seven strong innings to pick up his first win in seven weeks, leading the Arizona Diamondbacks to a 7-1 victory over the Chicago Cubs on Monday night.

A.J. Pollack had two hits and Jeff Mathis added a two-run double as Arizona won for the fourth time in its last five games at Wrigley Field.

Corbin (7-4) gave up just one run and six hits while striking out nine for his first win since June 5. He was 0-2 with a 3.98 ERA in seven starts since.

Goldschmidt's homer was his 22nd on the season. He was 2 for 5 after going 1 for 12 with nine strikeouts in three games since the All-Star break. Goldschmidt came in with a .361 career average (48 for 133) against the Cubs, including a three-homer game at Wrigley Foe;d last Aug. 3.

Interleague

PIRATES 7, INDIANS 0

CLEVELAND — Josh Harrison hit a three-run homer and Gregory Polanco had a two-run triple off Corey Kluber in his return, and the Pittsburgh Pirates beat the Cleveland Indians 7-0 in a six-inning, rain-shortened game Monday night for their 10th straight win.

The game was called following three rain delays that totaled 2 hours, 3 minutes. The first pitch was delayed 55 minutes, and a delay of 27 minutes followed in the third inning. The final delay was 41 minutes.

Kluber (12-6), starting for the first time since July 12 because of a sore right knee, was charged with seven runs — three earned — in four innings. The reigning AL Cy Young Award winner gave up nine hits, struck out two and threw 72 pitches.

Trevor Williams (8-7) pitched six shutout innings for the Pirates, who have won 10 in a row for the first time since June 28-July 5, 2004.

ROCKHOUNDS REPORT

ROUGHRIDERS 3, ROCKHOUNDS 1
At Dr Pepper Ballpark, Frisco

TOP HITTERS: Michael De Leon was 3-for-3 with a walk and two runs scored to lead Frisco. Teammate Preston Beck was 3-for-4. ... Seth Brown was 2-for-4 with a double for the RockHounds.

TOP PITCHERS: Frisco starter Ariel Jurado allowed one run on seven hits, one walk and struck out five over seven innings to earn his fifth win of the season. ... Midland starter Ben Bracewell took the loss after he allowed two runs on seven hits, no walks and he struck out six.

HIGHLIGHTS: Frisco scored a run on a double play in the first inning, before Midland tied it at 1 in the fifth on a Luis Barrera RBI double. ... Frisco took the lead for good in the sixth on a sacrifice fly by Jose Cardona. ... The RoughRiders added an insurance run in the eighth on a Cardona RBI single.

NOTES: Midland's Eli White has reached base in 20 of the last 21 games. ... The teams will play the second game of a four-game series at 7:05 p.m. today.

ROUGHRIDERS 3, ROCKHOUNDS 1

Midland	ab	r	h	bi	Frisco	ab	r	h	bi
White ss	4	0	1	0	Alvarez lf	4	1	1	0
Ramirez dh	4	0	0	0	De Leon ss	3	2	3	0
Martin 2b	4	0	1	0	Beck dh	4	0	3	0
Brown 1b	4	0	2	0	La O 2b	3	0	0	0
Sportman lf	4	0	1	0	Cardona rf	3	0	1	2
Mondou 3b	2	1	0	0	O'Neill cf	3	0	0	0
Bolt rf	4	0	0	0	Preiter 1b	3	0	1	0
Barrera cf	3	0	1	1	Gaisy c	3	0	0	0
Barnes cf	3	0	1	1	Mendez 3b	3	0	0	0
Totals	32	1	7	1	Totals	29	3	9	2

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Frisco ..... 100 001 01x —3

LOB – Midland 6, Frisco 5. DP – Midland 1, Frisco 2. 2B – Brown (22), Barnes (1). SF – Cardona. CS – Preiter (4).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Midland						
Bracewell L, 3-6	6.0	7	2	2	0	6
Martin	1.1	1	1	1	1	0
Bigg	0.2	1	0	0	0	1
Frisco						
Jurado W, 5-3	7.0	7	1	1	1	5
Vivas	1.0	0	0	0	0	1
Garrett S, 13	1.0	0	0	0	0	1

HBP – by Jurado (Mondou), La O (by Bracewell).

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TL standings

North Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Tulsa (Dodgers)	20	10	.667	—
Arkansas (Mariners)	16	13	.552	3½
Springfield (Cardinals)	12	19	.387	8½
NW Arkansas (Royals)	8	21	.276	11½

South Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Corpus Christi (Astros)	20	11	.645	—
Frisco (Rangers)	19	12	.613	1
San Antonio (Padres)	17	13	.567	2½
Midland (Athletics)	9	22	.290	11

Monday's scores

Northwest Arkansas 4, Arkansas 2
San Antonio 2, Corpus Christi 1
Frisco 3, Midland 1
Springfield 6, Tulsa 0

Today's Games

Arkansas at Northwest Arkansas, Game 1, 4:05 p.m.
Arkansas at Northwest Arkansas, Game 2, TBD
Corpus Christi at San Antonio, 7:05 p.m.
Midland at Frisco, 7:05 p.m.
Springfield at Tulsa, 7:05 p.m.

MLB GLANCE

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Standings

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	71	31	.696	—
New York	63	35	.643	6
Tampa Bay	51	49	.510	19
Toronto	46	53	.465	23½
Baltimore	28	73	.277	42½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	54	45	.545	—
Minnesota	45	53	.459	8½
Detroit	43	59	.422	12½
Chicago	34	64	.347	19½
Kansas City	30	69	.303	24

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	68	36	.647	—
Seattle	60	40	.600	5
Oakland	58	43	.574	7½
Los Angeles	50	50	.500	15
Texas	42	59	.416	23½

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	54	43	.557	—
Philadelphia	55	44	.556	—
Washington	49	50	.495	6
Miami	43	59	.422	13½
New York	40	57	.412	14

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	59	41	.590	—
Milwaukee	57	45	.559	2½
Pittsburgh	52	49	.515	7
St. Louis	50	50	.500	8½
Cincinnati	44	56	.440	14½

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	58	44	.569	—
Arizona	55	46	.545	1½
Colorado	53	46	.535	2½
San Francisco	51	50	.505	5½
San Diego	42	61	.408	15½

Monday's scores

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Minnesota 8, Toronto 3
Tampa Bay 7, N.Y.Yankees 6
Boston 5, Baltimore 3
Pittsburgh 7, Cleveland 0, 6 innings
Oakland 15, Texas 3
Detroit 5, Kansas City 4
Chicago White Sox at L.A. Angels, late

Today's Games

Boston (Porcello 12-4) at Baltimore (Ramirez 0-3), 6:05 p.m.
Minnesota (Berrios 9-7) at Toronto (Borucki 0-1), 6:07 p.m.
N.Y.Yankees (Sabathia 8-6) at Tampa Bay (Snell 12-5), 6:10 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Musgrove 3-6) at Cleveland (Bieber 5-1), 6:10 p.m.
Oakland (Montas 5-2) at Texas (Minor 6-6), 7:05 p.m.
Detroit (Zimmermann 4-1) at Kansas City (Smith 0-1), 7:15 p.m.
Houston (Cole 10-2) at Colorado (Anderson 6-9), 7:40 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Rodon 2-5) at L.A. Angels (Pena 1-0), 9:07 p.m.
San Francisco (Suarez 3-6) at Seattle (Paxton 8-4), 9:10 p.m.

Monday's scores

NATIONAL LEAGUE

L.A. Dodgers 7, Philadelphia 6
Atlanta 12, Miami 1
Pittsburgh 7, Cleveland 0, 6 innings
San Diego 3, N.Y.Mets 2
Cincinnati 2, St. Louis 1
Arizona 7, Chicago Cubs 1
Milwaukee 6, Washington 1

Today's Games

Atlanta (Teheran 7-6) at Miami (Chen 2-7), 11:10 a.m.
L.A. Dodgers (Maeda 7-5) at Philadelphia (Nola 13-3), 6:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Musgrove 3-6) at Cleveland (Bieber 5-1), 6:10 p.m.
San Diego (Lucchesi 4-5) at N.Y.Mets (Vargas 3-6), 6:10 p.m.
St. Louis (Gomber 0-0) at Cincinnati (Bailey 1-7), 6:10 p.m.
Arizona (TBD) at Chicago Cubs (Hendricks 6-6), 7:05 p.m.
Washington (Fedde 4-1) at Milwaukee (Guerra 6-5), 7:10 p.m.
Houston (Cole 10-2) at Colorado (Anderson 6-9), 7:40 p.m.
San Francisco (Suarez 3-6) at Seattle (Paxton 8-4), 9:10 p.m.

Texas home

RANGERS 5, ROUND 6
ATHLETICS 15, RANGERS 3

Oakland	ab	r	h	bi	Texas	ab	r	h	bi
Semien ss	5	2	2	1	Choo rf	1	0	0	0
Pinder lf-rf	5	0	2	1	W.Chan ph-lf	1	0	0	0
Lowrie 2b	4	1	0	0	Odor 2b	4	1	1	0
Semien 2b	1	0	0	0	Andrus ss	3	1	1	2
K.Davis dh	4	2	2	2	Kiner-Fef 2b	1	0	1	0
M.Olson 1b	4	3	2	0	Beltre dh	4	0	0	0
Piscotty rf	4	2	2	3	Profar 3b-ss	4	0	2	0
Martini lf	0	0	0	0	Rua lf-rf-p	4	0	1	0
M.Chapman 3b	5	2	3	4	R.Chirinos c	3	1	1	0
Canha cf	5	1	2	0	Guzman 1b	4	0	1	1
Lucroy c	5	2	2	4	DeShields cf	4	0	0	0
Totals	46	15	18	15	Totals	35	3	8	3

Oakland ..... 000 020 600 —15
Texas ..... 002 000 100 —3

DP—Oakland 2. LOB—Oakland 7, Texas 6. 2B—Semien (22), Pinder (6), K.Davis (21), Piscotty (27), Canha (15), Lucroy (14), Odor (13), Guzman (11). HR—K.Davis (24), Piscotty (10), M.Chapman (11), Lucroy (9), Andrus (3).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Oakland						
Anderson W,2-2	6	6	2	2	1	6
Fiers	1	1	1	1	1	0
Wendelken	1	1	0	0	0	1
Hatcher	1	0	0	0	0	0
Texas						
Hamels L,5-9	5	9	7	7	2	5
Alvarez	1.2	5	6	6	1	0
Claudio	2.0	4	2	2	1	1
Rua	3.0	0	0	0	0	0

HBP—by Hamels (Pinder), by Anderson (Choo).

T—3:13. A—18,744 (49,115).

Linescores

AMERICAN LEAGUE

TWINS 8, BLUE JAYS 3

Minnesota ..... 102 230 000 —8 13 0
Toronto ..... 001 000 002 —3 11 0

Mejia, Belisle (6), Magill (8), Rodney (9) and Garver; Santos, Mayza (3), Loup (4), Biagini (5), Petricka (6), J.Garcia (7) and Maile. W—Mejia 1-0. L—Santos 0-1. HRs—Minnesota, Morrison (12), Kepler (13). Toronto, Gurriel Jr. (5).

RAYS 7, YANKEES 6

New York ..... 010 002 300 —6 9 0
Tampa Bay ..... 100 033 00x —7 13 1

Severino, Green (6), Warren (7), Cole (8) and Sanchez; Wood, Andriese (3), D.Castillo (6), Schultz (7), Kolarek (7), Stanek (7), Alvarado (8) and Sucre. W—Andriese 3-4. L—Severino 14-3. Sv—Alvarado (4). HRs—Tampa Bay, Bauers (6), Robertson (9).

RED SOX 5, ORIOLES 3

Boston ..... 010 040 000 —5 7 0
Baltimore ..... 000 000 021 —3 11 0

Porcello, Brasier (7), Workman (8), Kimbrel (9) and Leon; Gausman, M.Castro (5), Martinez (8) and Joseph. W—Porcello 12-4. L—Gausman 4-8. Sv—Kimbrel (32). HRs—Boston, Moreland (12). Baltimore, Schoop (13).

TIGERS 5, ROYALS 4

Detroit ..... 000 000 203 —5 10 0
Kansas City ..... 200 010 100 —4 13 0

Liriano, Alcantara (5), Coleman (7), Stumpf (7), Wilson (7), Greene (9) and McCann; Fillmyer, McCarthy (7), Maurer (8), Hammel (9) and Butera. W—Wilson 1-3. L—Maurer 0-4. Sv—Greene (20).

NATIONAL LEAGUE

REDS 2, CARDINALS 1

St. Louis ..... 000 001 000 —1 5 0
Cincinnati ..... 000 000 002 —2 5 0

Poncedeleon, Hicks (8), Norris (9) and Molina; Castillo, Hernandez (6), Garrett (8), Hughes (9) and Barnhart. W—Hughes 3-3. L—Norris 3-3. HRs—Cincinnati, Suarez (20).

BRAVES 12, MARLINS 1

Atlanta ..... 212 002 213 —12 16 0
Miami ..... 010 000 000 — 1 5 0

Newcomb, Carle (7), Maylan (8), Phillips (9) and Suzuki; Urena, Meyer (5), Graves (6) and Realmuto, Holaday. W—Newcomb 9-5. L—Urena 2-10. HRs—Atlanta, Swanson (8), Freeman (17). Miami, Bour (16).

PADRES 3, METS 2

San Diego ..... 000 021 000 —3 5 1
New York ..... 001 001 000 —2 7 2

Lucchesi, Stammen (6), Maton (8), Yates (9) and Hedges; deGrom, Gsellman (9) and Mesoraco. W—Lucchesi 5-5. L—deGrom 5-5. Sv—Yates (3).

DODGERS 7, PHILLIES 6

Los Angeles ..... 210 100 103 —7 10 1
Philadelphia ..... 010 040 001 —6 8 0

Stripling, Ravscup (5), Chargois (6), Hudson (7), Alexander (8), Jansen (9) and Grandal; Ellis, Rios (3), Davis (6), Hunter (7), Dominguez (8), Garcia (8) and Alfaro. W—Alexander 2-0. L—Dominguez 1-3. Sv—Jansen (29). HRs—Los Angeles, Pederson (14), Grandal (14), Taylor (12), Muncy (23). Philadelphia, Franco 2 (15), Hoskins (17), Herrera (10).

DIAMONDBACKS 7, CUBS 1

Arizona ..... 010 000 010 —7 9 0
Chicago ..... 000 001 000 —1 7 0

Corbin, De La Rosa (8), Koch (9) and Mathis; Farrell, Duensing (4), R.Rosario (7), Cahill (8), Rizzo (9) and Contreras. W—Corbin 7-4. L—Farrell 3-4. HRs—Arizona, Goldschmidt (22).

BREWERS 6, NATIONALS 1

Washington ..... 010 000 000 —1 5 0
Milwaukee ..... 010 000 50x —6 7 2

Gonzalez, J.Miller (5), Solis (6), Kelley (7), Kintzler (8) and Wilson; Chacin, Hader (6), Woodruff (7), Jennings (8), Barnes (9) and Kratz. W—Chacin 9-8. L—Gonzalez 6-7. HRs—Washington, Murphy (2).

INTERLEAGUE

PIRATES 7, INDIANS 0

Pittsburgh ..... 040 300 —7 10 0
Cleveland ..... 000 000 —0 4 1

Williams and E.Diaz; Kluber, McAllister (5) and Gomes. W—Williams 8-7. L—Kluber 12-6. HRs—Pittsburgh, Harrison (9).

Troy Merritt wins Barbasol, gains spot in PGA

By Gary B. Graves
Associated Press

NICHOLASVILLE, Ky. — Troy Merritt briefly wondered about trying another line of work as time passed following his initial PGA Tour victory more than three years ago.

He can now look forward to two more years as a professional and participation in next month's PGA Championship after clutch putting earned him his second trophy.

Merritt shot a 5-under 67 on Monday to win the rain-delayed Barbasol Championship by one stroke. He led or shared the lead after each round. This was his second career PGA Tour victory and came with a spot in the PGA Championship at Bellerive in St. Louis.

A pretty nice payoff for renewed dedication that helped him keep his tour card after struggling to follow up his 2015 Quicken Loans National victory.

"You always ask yourself, is this the time to move on?" said Merritt, who earned $630,000 and 300 FedEx Cup points with the victory. He also is exempt through the 2019-20 season.

"To get a win like this late in the season and move up to No. 65 on the points list and secure a job for two more years, it's a pretty good feeling."

The win highlights a good run for Merritt, who is 34-under par in his last seven rounds dating back to the second round of last week's John Deere Classic. He tied for 43rd.

Merritt was one of four players tied for the lead at 18 under when the round at Barbasol began. He made five birdies, including an eagle on the par-4 eighth hole, to stay in contention.

Consecutive birdies on Nos. 14 and 15 at the Champions Trace at Keene Trace Golf Club put him into the lead before he finished with pars for a 23-under 265.

"We knew it was going to take a lot of birdies to get the job done, but we didn't focus on any final number," Merritt said. "We just continued to do our best on each shot and counted them up at the end, and it was one shot in the positive for us."

Billy Horschel (67), Richy Werenski (66) and Tom Lovelady (68) were a stroke behind. J.T. Poston was fifth at 21 under, with Brian Gay sixth at 20 under.

The Monday finish was the PGA Tour's second this season and first since Jason Day won the Farmers Insurance Open in January on the sixth playoff hole.

The final round had a playoff feel as well, with Merritt, Robert Streb, six-time PGA Tour winner Hunter Mahan and Lovelady tied for the lead. Competition remained tight as the leaders dealt with a course left mushy by steady showers.

Merritt passed the downtime by watching the final round of the British Open and used the rest to play his way into the final major of the season.

Merritt had an opening round of 62 to tie the course record. He tried to maintain consistency in a tournament he believed would require at least 20 under to win.

In his last round, he had a lone bogey on the par-3 fifth hole and birdies on the first, sixth and eighth, highlighted by an eagle that took him to 21 under and a brief lead. Merritt's 128-yard second shot from the fairway landed several inches beyond the pin before spinning back into the cup.

"Hit a nice little 9-iron in from about 128 into a cool little north wind with some mist and just happened to find the bottom of the hole," he said.

Then came birdies at Nos. 14 and 15, and Merritt just missed another on No. 18 when his putt went about an inch left of the cup. Lovelady, his playing partner, just missed a potential tying birdie on the hole as well.

Lovelady had an eagle on the 14th hole, which kept him in the hunt before he settled for a career-best second on his 25th birthday.

"I played the best I could. I didn't give up," Lovelady said. "I just fell one shot short."

Alex Slitz/Lexington Herald-Leader via AP

Troy Merritt holds up his trophy after winning the rain-delayed Barbasol Championship golf tournament at Keene Trace Golf Club on Monday in Nicholasville, Ky.

Barbasol Championship Scores
Monday
At Keene Trace GC
Nicholasville, Ky.
Purse: $3.5 million
Yardage: 7,328; Par: 72
Final

Troy Merritt (300), $630,000		62-67-69-67—265
Billy Horschel (117), $261,333		65-66-68-67—266
Tom Lovelady (117), $261,333		68-67-65-66—266
Richy Werenski (117), $261,333		66-68-66-66—266
J.T. Poston (65), $140,000		69-66-66-66—267
Brian Gay (60), $126,000		67-69-69-65—268
Cameron Percy (50), $109,083		67-64-69-69—269
Hunter Mahan (50), $109,083		66-68-64-71—269
Sam Ryder (50), $109,083		69-68-63-70—269
Robert Streb (39), $91,000		67-68-63-72—270
Steve Wheatcroft (39), $91,000		68-67-68-67—270
Wayne Barber (33), $73,500		71-65-63-72—271
William McGirt (33), $73,500		68-72-65-66—271
Ben Silverman (33), $73,500		67-70-69-65—271
Zac Blair (29), $54,250		69-67-66-70—272
Joel Dahmen (29), $54,250		65-72-68-67—272
Fabian Gomez (29), $54,250		70-69-67-66—272
J.J. Henry (29), $54,250		69-67-69-67—272
David Lingmerth (29), $54,250		67-69-67-69—272
Conrad Shindler (29), $54,250		72-64-69-67—272
Scott Brown (22), $31,150		68-70-68-67—273
Jonathan Byrd (22), $31,150		68-72-65-68—273
Stephan Jaeger (22), $31,150		70-67-70-66—273
Danny Lee (22), $31,150		69-68-67-69—273
Peter Malnati (22), $31,150		69-68-71-65—273
John Peterson, $31,150		67-71-68-67—273
Andres Romero (22), $31,150		65-67-70-71—273
Heath Slocum (22), $31,150		71-67-68-67—273
Brian Stuard (22), $31,150		68-70-65-70—273
Nick Taylor (22), $31,150		67-71-66-69—273
John VanDerLaan, $21,700		67-70-67-70—274
Johnson Wagner (16), $21,700		69-66-70-69—274
Xinjun Zhang (16), $21,700		70-65-67-72—274
Billy Hurley III (12), $17,675		71-67-69-68—275
Sebastian Munoz, $17,675		67-70-70-68—275
John Oda, $17,675		69-69-69-68—275
Seamus Power (12), $17,675		70-68-70-67—275
Shawn Stefani (12), $17,675		66-68-72-69—275
D.J. Trahan (12), $17,675		67-68-71-69—275
Chris Kirk (9), $14,000		71-68-68-69—276
D.A. Points (9), $14,000		69-69-66-72—276
Josh Teater, $14,600		68-66-69-73—276
Michael Thompson (9), $14,000		67-69-71-69—276
Matt Atkins (7), $10,878		66-69-73-69—277
Davis Love III (7), $10,878		68-68-66-75—277
Rob Oppenheim (7), $10,878		71-67-70-69—277
Kyle Thompson (7), $10,878		68-69-72-68—277
Charlie Wi (7), $10,878		68-68-72-71—277
Ricky Barnes (5), $8,733		67-69-69-73—278
Tyler Duncan (5), $8,733		66-72-70-70—278
Lanto Griffin (5), $8,733		67-71-72-68—278
Chris Wilson, $8,733		71-66-70-71—278
Daniel Summerhays (4), $8,143		72-67-71-69—279
Martin Piller (4), $8,143		68-72-70-71—279
Jonathan Randolph (4), $8,143		67-69-72-71—279
Parker McLachlin (4), $7,980		69-68-73-70—280
Will Cannon, $7,840		69-71-70-71—281
Cooper Musselman, $7,840		70-68-69-73—281
Dicky Pride (3), $7,840		72-68-68-72—281
Jay Don Blake (3), $7,595		70-70-73-69—282
Michael Bradley (3), $7,595		69-70-74-69—282
Mackenzie Hughes (3), $7,595		68-70-69-75—282
Chip McDaniel, $7,595		74-68-71-71—282
Clin Browne (3), $7,385		70-70-73-70—283
John Rollins (3), $7,385		69-70-70-74—283
Robert Garrigus (2), $7,245		70-69-68-78—284
Whee Kim (2), $7,245		71-67-72-74—284
Brian Davis (2), $7,105		71-68-68-78—285
Ethan Tracy (2), $7,105		70-70-73-72—285
Neal Lancaster (2), $6,930		69-68-73-76—286
Nicholas Lindheim (2), $6,930		67-72-72-75—286
Shaun Micheel (2), $6,930		70-68-73-75—286
Jason Bohn (2), $6,790		68-70-76-75—289

Browns' Josh Gordon missing camp to deal with addiction recovery

By Tom Withers
Associated Press

CLEVELAND — Days before opening training camp, the Cleveland Browns learned Josh Gordon will be missing again.

For how long remains unclear.

The troubled wide receiver, who has been suspended numerous times over the past six years by the NFL for drug violations, said on Twitter that he won't be with the team for the start of camp as he continues to recover from addictions that have derailed his once-promising career.

Gordon has missed two full years after being indefinitely suspended by Commissioner Roger Goodell and hasn't played a complete season since 2013, when he led the league in yards receiving and scored nine touchdowns.

While Gordon's social media post was vague, NFL spokesman Brian McCarthy said the 27-year-old has not been suspended.

"We will address the matter at the appropriate time," McCarthy said in an email to The Associated Press, adding "there's no timetable" on Gordon's return.

Gordon's disclosure came as the Browns are preparing to begin camp under coach Hue Jackson following a 0-16 season.

The team overhauled its roster during the offseason, adding former Buffalo quarterback Tyrod Taylor, Pro Bowl receiver Jarvis Landry and a few other potential starters in trades before drafting Heisman Trophy-winning QB Baker Mayfield with the first overall pick.

Gordon had been a major part of Cleveland's plans for 2018, but those could now be on hold.

In recent weeks, rumors that Gordon failed a drug test circulated on social media. But it wasn't until he posted his message Monday that it became known he could be sidelined again.

"I am reaching out to you all personally and letting you know that I am not only doing great physically but mentally as well," Gordon wrote in a statement directed to "my Cleveland Browns and NFL Family."

"You will notice that I will not be in Cleveland for the start of training camp. Rest assured, this, too, is a part of my overall health and treatment plan. I appreciate the awesome support I have received from teammates, friends, fans, and the Browns organization. Just like you, I am excited to start the season and I have every intention of being ready and available to join my teammates soon to help bring winning football to our fans."

Gordon later followed up with a tweet that said, "Thanks again.. See ya soon."

Because he is in Stage 3 of the NFL's substance-abuse program, Gordon is subject to random drug testing. He faces another indefinite suspension for any violation.

Gordon has missed 43 of Cleveland's past 48 games because of suspensions. Last year, he was reinstated by Goodell following a three-month stay in a rehab facility. He returned for the Browns' final five games and caught 18 passes for 335 yards and a touchdown.

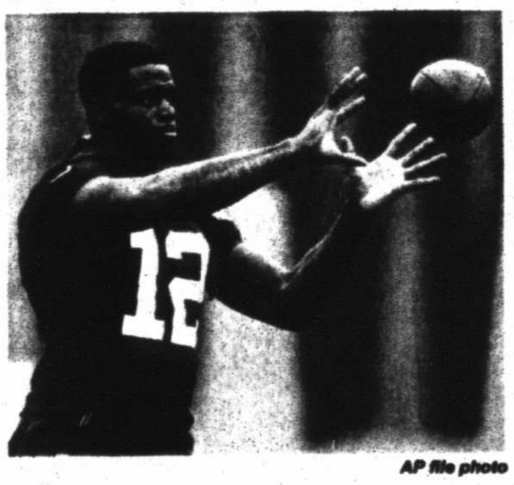
Before he returned, Gordon revealed the depths of his substance abuse, saying he had never played in an NFL game sober.

Gordon participated in Cleveland's offseason programs, and the team has been encouraged by his commitment to staying clean and active.

Browns general manager John Dorsey said the team has Gordon's back.

"We will continue to support Josh as he receives the care needed to maintain his progress," Dorsey said. "We are going to respect his privacy while he is away from the team. Josh will be placed on the non-football illness reserve list until he is ready to return."

Cleveland will have its first practice Thursday. Gordon's announcement is another blow to an organization trying to rebuild following numerous losing seasons. The Browns haven't been to the playoffs since 2002 and have lost at least 10 games in 15 seasons since 1999.



AP file photo

Cleveland Browns wide receiver Josh Gordon warms up during the team's organized team activity at its NFL football training facility June 5 in Berea, Ohio.

Lochte

From 1C

following his 10-month suspension for his behavior during a drunken incident that created widespread scorn at the 2016 Rio de Janeiro Olympics .

"A rule is a rule and I accept that there is a technical violation," Lochte said. "I am hopeful other athletes will learn from my mistake and be mindful of this rule, as well as others."

Lochte said he took the IV because both his wife and his son were ill and had recently visited hospitals, and that he didn't want to get sick as well. He said the IV contained B-12 and other vitamins that could be purchased at any pharmacy.

He and his wife both got IV infusions in Gainesville, Florida, he said, to bolster their immune systems.

"I've been swimming my whole life and I've been monitored by USADA for my entire competitive career," Lochte said. "I have never taken a prohibited substance. I have never attempted to gain any advantage over my competition by putting anything illegal in my body. I would never do that."

In Brazil, he there were questions about his version of what happened.

This time, he revealed what happened — obviously unaware of the ramifications it would bring.

Lochte's violation came to light when he posted the photo of him getting the IV on his social media accounts. That triggered the USADA investigation, one that Lochte "fully cooperated" with according to U.S. officials.

"Lochte received an intravenous infusion of permitted substances at an infusion clinic," the USADA announcement of the suspension said. Under most circumstances, athletes cannot receive IVs unless related to a hospitalization or when allowed under the terms of a USADA-approved exemption — and Lochte fell into neither of those categories.

Suspensions for use of an IV are extremely rare: The USADA database shows only two other athletes being sanctioned for using such a method, one of them getting a six-month suspension and the other a 14-month ban, just like Lochte. That same database shows that before Monday, no other U.S. swimmer in the last 10 years, for any reason including actual positive tests, had been suspended for more than one year by USADA.

This week could have been a significant step forward for Lochte, who was entered in four events at the U.S. championships at Irvine, California and was preparing to compete in what would have been his biggest competition since the Rio Games. Lochte said that he and three other U.S. Olympic swimmers there were robbed at gunpoint at a gas station, a story that quickly unraveled.

The investigation in Brazil is continuing, and Lochte said it's "concerning" to him that a court there recently decided that he could still face prosecution for filing a false report.

Lochte was not only suspended 10 months for that debacle, but also forfeited $100,000 in Olympic medal bonus money and was banned from competing in last year's national and world championships.

And now, he's back in hot water. USADA agreed to start the 14-month clock on May 24, the day that he posted the photo that no longer can be found on his Instagram page. He reiterated Monday that he wants to compete in the 2020 Tokyo Olympics, though those hopes would seem to be in at least some doubt now.

"I should know better," Lochte said.

Lochte spent much of his career portraying a party-boy image, while his wildly successful exploits in the pool — six Olympic golds, 36 world championship gold medals, no fewer than four world records — were always overshadowed by 28-time Olympic medalist and 23-time Olympic champion Michael Phelps.

After Rio, Lochte was dropped by at least four major sponsors including Speedo USA and Ralph Lauren, though he has added some endorsement deals since. He was also apparently targeted by two men wearing t-shirts bearing an anti-Lochte message rushed the stage while he was competing on ABC's "Dancing with the Stars."

Lochte returned to competition last year, most notably winning the 200-meter individual medley at the U.S. Open.

Lochte will turn 36 during the Tokyo Games. He won Olympic gold in 2004, 2008, 2012 and 2016, and if he found a way to win another in Tokyo he would be the oldest Olympic swimming champion.

Molinari

From 1C

watched this through the PGA Tour this year day in and day out, seeing him work as hard as anyone else."

Solid off the tee, suspect at times on the green, Molinari first showed his potential in a World Golf Championship in Shanghai in 2010 when Lee Westwood made his debut at No. 1 in the world. Westwood beat everyone else by nine shots in the HSBC Champions and lost by one to Molinari.

That was the second win of his career for Molinari, and remained his biggest win against a strong field until he arrived at Carnoustie.

Molinari, whose older brother Edoardo won the 2005 U.S. Amateur and played with him in the 2010 Ryder Cup, comes from a country known more for soccer and skiing than golf. They had their chance at glory two decades ago. Molinari was 12 and watching on TV when Costantino Rocca rolled in that putt across the Valley of Sin on the 18th at St. Andrews to force a playoff with John Daly in the 1995 British Open.

Daly wound up winning the four-hole playoff. Rocca was paired in the final round with Woods two years later at the 1997 Masters, but that wasn't much of a contest.

Now, Italy has the champion golfer of the year.

"The last round already was big news in Italy," Molinari said. "Obviously, to achieve something like this is on another level. Hopefully, there were a lot of young kids watching on TV today, like I was watching Costantino in '95 coming so close. Hopefully, they will get as inspired as I was at the time, watching him vie for the claret jug."

The victory was the seventh of his career, and it moved him to No. 6 in the world, right in front of McIlroy and Spieth.

He's in good company.

"He's always been a great player," McIlroy said. "With how he's played this year, there's just maybe a little more belief. I played with him the final day at Wentworth and he didn't miss a shot. So there's going to be a lot of European guys vying for his partnership in foursomes at the Ryder Cup."

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Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit, 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit www.sudoku.org.uk

	4		7	8			9	
	8					3		
	3				1			5
		7		6		2		9
1				7		6		
5			9		2		6	
		8					5	
	7			4	8		3	

SOLUTION TO MONDAY'S PUZZLE

2	9	4	7	1	8	6	5	3
7	5	3	4	9	6	8	2	1
6	8	1	5	2	3	9	4	7
3	2	7	9	8	5	1	6	4
8	6	9	2	4	1	3	7	5
4	1	5	3	6	7	2	8	9
5	3	8	1	7	2	4	9	6
9	7	6	8	3	4	5	1	2
1	4	2	6	5	9	7	3	8

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JUMBLE

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME by David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

NASTL

RUFTI

MOABOB

TELVEV

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Check out the new, free JUST JUMBLE app

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: DAISY TAUNT BARBER PUDDLE
Answer: Considered to be exceptionally honest, the judge was — TRIED AND TRUE

JUMBLE® CROSSWORDS™

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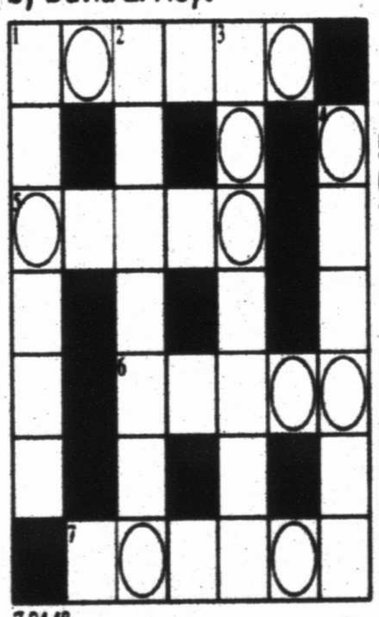

ACROSS

CLUE	ANSWER
1. Written dissertation	TSISHE
5. Complain	INWEH
6. Say	RETUT
7. Get back	GRANEI

DOWN

CLUE	ANSWER
1. In that direction	ADROTW
2. Gourmet	PRUEEIC
3. Sluggishness	REAITIN
4. Surpass	URNUOT

How to play - Complete the crossword puzzle by looking at the clues and unscrambling the answers. When the puzzle is complete, unscramble the circled letters to solve the BONUS.

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CLUE: In 1950, ___ accepted the position of first Supreme Allied Commander of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO).

BONUS

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ANSWERS: 1A-Thesis 5A-Whine 6A-Utter 7A-Regain 1D-Tiaras 2D-Figure 3D-Inertia 4D-Datum 5-Enrichment

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DAILY CROSSWORD

Edited By Rich Norris and Joyce Nichols Lewis

ACROSS

1 River through Kazakhstan
5 Brewpub orders
10 Upper limbs
14 Expose
15 Blue shades
16 Chess piece that can't move diagonally
17 Big stars often have big ones
18 Apply, as liniment
19 Apple from Japan
20 "Opposes in an election
23 Wordless "okay"
24 Put gas into
25 Assistance
27 Shabbily dressed
30 High behind a cold front, e.g.
34 Pan-fry
35 Boy band "N__
37 Ill-fated Genesis son
38 Point
39 "Welcome news for potential borrowers
42 Tokyo-born Yoko
43 River near the Royal Shakespeare Theatre
45 Hockey legend Gordie
46 "It's __-see!": rave review
48 Tile type
50 Sudden bursts
51 "Real Sports with Bryant Gumbel" network
52 Simpson trial witness Kato
55 Report card no.
57 Trapped by mundanity ... and hint to the answers to starred clues
62 Take a break
64 Ladybug food
65 Apple discard
66 Opera solo
67 Yankees' manager Aaron
68 Olympics sled
69 Fiddle (with)
70 Kisses and cuddles, in British slang
71 Former spouses

DOWN

1 App that arranges a lift but not a Lyft
2 Pasta sauce brand
3 Elvis __ Presley
4 Phrase on a heart-healthy food label
5 Flat-bottomed boats
6 __ sign: =
7 Jazz great Blake
8 Weather-related Native American ceremony
9 Nine-digit IDs
10 Boxer's sound
11 "Brit's traffic circle
12 Magic charm
13 Icy road risk
21 Hole-making tool
22 __ Heels: UNC team
26 "__ little teapot ... "
27 Soul singer Hayes
28 Easily duped
29 "'Word on the street is ... "
31 Post-op area
32 Get a feeling
33 Schedule openings
35 Order lots of
36 Source of pliable wood
40 Sushi tuna
41 Easy putt
44 Slap cuffs on
47 Slap cuffs on
49 Jun. and Jul.
50 Microscope inserts
53 "Bless you" prompter
54 Just making, with "out"
55 Court great Steffi
56 Ecuador neighbor
58 Bar bills
59 Gravy thickener
60 Encourage
61 Shirts from concerts
63 Toon devil

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

A	S	P	I	C		L	A	B	S		I	H	O	P
C	L	O	T	H		I	D	L	E		N	A	N	A
M	A	R	L	A		G	A	E	L		N	S	E	C
E	N	G	L	I	S	H	M	U	F	F	I	N	S	
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			M	E	G			S	R	O		P	D	A
		S	P	A	N	I	S	H	O	M	E	L	E	T
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C	A	N	A	D	I	A	N	B	A	C	O	N		
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D	E	L	T	A			L	A	D	Y		P	T	A
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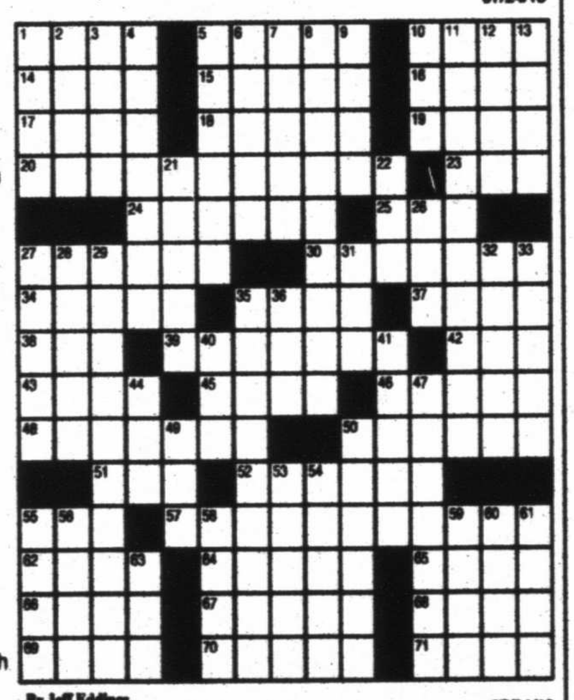

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THE MARKET IN REVIEW

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

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NYSE

MOST ACTIVE ($1 or more)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
GenElec	883800	12.99	-.13
SPDR Fncl	814895	27.94	+.38
BkofAm	738206	30.75	+.62
iShEMkts	576723	43.67	-.29
VanEGold	517092	21.33	-.45

GAINERS ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
DoveOG	3.10	+1.08	+53.5
Hi-Crush	13.85	+3.00	+27.6
CmtyHlt	3.09	+.38	+14.0
CleanEnrgy	10.88	+.82	+8.2
Accenture plc	24.20	+2.01	+9.0

LOSERS ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Hallmrk	41.54	-3.66	-8.1
Sensient	66.93	-5.49	-7.6
ITW	136.26	-10.60	-7.2
FTS Intl n	11.85	-.92	-7.2
ContinsRe	7.26	-.46	-6.0

DIARY

Advanced	1,192
Declined	1,897
Unchanged	135
Total issues	2,934
New Highs	76
New Lows	30
Volume	2,870,973,014

AMEX

MOST ACTIVE ($1 or more)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
NwGold g	49185	1.81	-.08
NthnO&G	41776	3.46	+.04
AmpioPhm	35133	3.00	+.37
BioTime	32045	2.64	+.27

GAINERS ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
AmpioPhm	3.00	+.37	+14.1
BioTime	2.64	+.27	+11.4
SprtNSE wi	12.89	+.92	+7.7
TelfedEn	2.78	+.18	+6.7
MicrSol n	3.65	+.23	+6.7

LOSERS ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Cester pfA	6.22	-7.28	-53.9
Cester pfA	5.52	-5.98	-52.0
GeoGroup	2.70	-.29	-9.6
Contango	5.82	-.34	-5.5
Libbey	7.36	-.43	-5.5

DIARY

Advanced	114
Declined	181
Unchanged	16
Total issues	311
New Highs	5
New Lows	9
Volume	98,837,541

NASDAQ

MOST ACTIVE ($1 or more)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
MicronT	422695	54.29	-.73
Microsoft	292192	107.97	+1.70
Comcast s	223274	34.17	-.13
Apple Inc	159556	191.61	+.17
Facebook	159095	210.91	+.97

GAINERS ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
RealtyPfh n	76.55	+30.15	+65.0
LifePfHBh	64.90	+17.00	+35.5
HV Bcp n	17.50	+2.78	+18.9
CoastFd rs	4.92	+.62	+14.4
Nasbro	108.04	+12.11	+12.9

LOSERS ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
BeasleyB	8.90	-1.70	-16.0
InnovBio rs	5.33	-.85	-13.8
NETgear	65.53	-10.28	-13.6
PetMed	35.41	-4.78	-11.9
AstaFd rf	2.80	-.33	-10.5

DIARY

Advanced	1,387
Declined	1,440
Unchanged	197
Total issues	3,024
New Highs	114
New Lows	54
Volume	1,806,093,827

INDEXES

52-Week High	52-Week Low	Name	Last	Chg	Net % Chg	YTD % Chg	52-wk % Chg
26,616.71	21,471.14	Dow Jones Industrials	25,044.29	-13.83	-.06	+1.32	+16.41
11,423.92	9,018.19	Dow Jones Transportation	10,813.55	+72.05	+.67	+1.90	+14.69
778.80	647.81	Dow Jones Utilities	713.80	-4.40	-.61	-1.32	-.73
13,637.02	11,570.88	NYSE Composite	12,794.05	+4.14	+.03	-.12	+7.47
7,887.15	6,177.19	Nasdaq Composite	7,841.87	+21.67	+.28	+13.59	+22.32
2,872.87	2,417.37	S&P 500	2,806.98	+5.15	+.18	+4.59	+13.85
2,915.56	1,866.25	S&P Midcap	1,998.01	-.35	-.02	+5.13	+12.45
29,788.69	25,020.07	Wilshire 5000	29,363.21	+76.10	+.26	+5.65	+13.96
1,708.59	1,349.35	Russell 2000	1,698.41	+1.80	+.09	+10.61	+18.11

PERMIAN BASIN STOCKS

How stocks of local interest fared

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
AK Steel		23	5.04	+.17	-11.0
AT&T Inc	2.00	12	31.00	-.10	-20.3
Abraxas		39	2.68	+.07	+9.8
AdvDrvsEq	1.32a		15.95	+.91	+6.1
AMD			19.66	+.16	+62.1
Alkoda		56	107.04	+.21	+8.5
AlphaMetMLP	1.35e		10.55	+.06	-2.2
Ambev	.05e	8	4.90	-.03	-24.1
Amegy	0.30	17	109.97	+.58	+9.4
AmerMotel	0.80	63	71.80	+1.80	+82.5
Apache	1.00	28	44.35	-.85	+5.9
Apple Inc	2.92f	22	191.61	+.17	+13.2
ApptRtMed	.80	13	46.40	-.33	-8.2
Archrock	.48	34	12.70	+.21	0
ATMOS	1.94f	17	89.82	-.62	+6.7
AutoData	2.78f	37	137.70	+.37	+17.5
BP PLC	2.38	24	44.25	-.29	+5.3
BcoBrad s	.06a		7.98	-.06	-14.4
BkofAm	.48	16	30.75	+.62	+4.2
B'PrbST rs			6.15	+.15	+11.7
BarrageCp s	1.20		15.31	+.19	+.3
BartoG	.12	25	11.81	-.58	-19.4
Bartlitfa A			24000020.00	+920.00	+5
BBMBkCp	1.60f	10	69.39	-.66	+5.5
BrkHyEq	1.60	35	69.88	-.03	-0.6
BrkHyEq rs	.79	31	69.88	+6.2	+6.2
BrnwnFB n		35	82.79	+.11	
CVS Health	2.00	12	68.34	+1.08	-4.5
CamdenNat			41.05	+.15	+11.7
CamrnPet		25	11.93	+.02	-8.4
CelancPet	3.44f	17	136.20	-.54	-13.5
Celestica g		10	12.07	+.02	+17.4
CentryLink	2.16	9	18.82	+.06	+12.8
ChrisEng		8	4.51	-.04	+13.9
Chrmlon	4.48	84	121.33	-.84	-3.1
Chicos	.34	11	9.08	+.09	-2.2
Chimera	.64	21	16.76	+.01	-20.7
Cisco	1.32f	21	42.88	+.05	+9.8
Citigroup	1.28	13	71.49	+.99	+5.6
CmmlDist		9	10.88	+.02	+69.9
CocaCola	1.56	76	44.66	-.39	-2.9
ColgPalm	1.68	33	68.44	-.11	+5.7
ConocoPhil	.76	16	34.17	+.13	+4.3
ConsEngy	.55	17	35.88	-.28	-4.7
ConstellBd	2.52	23	163.24	-.69	+5.7
ConstellBd	1.56f	21	66.68	-.39	+10.2
Crosstex	5.68f	16	140.35	+1.42	-6.6
Crosstex	1.60p	15	14.69	+.04	+1.4
CrudeMid	1.60	15	14.89	+.04	+1.4
CullenFr	3.52	19	108.43	-.17	-2.8
Cummins	.30f	36	44.31	+.07	+6.6
CypSemi			21.24	+.01	+6.8
DCMBlX n			12.37	-.02	-30.3
DanaInc	1.60	16	111.00	-.39	-6.3
DeanFds		16	3.70	+1.60	+28.8
Deere		16	33.70	+.01	+6.1
DelMnte	.740		102.00	+.01	+5.6
DenburyR		28	2.73	+.03	+2.2
DeVSthTr	.60	27	72.47	+.24	+8.2
DiamRock	.68f	21	12.45	+.04	-2.4
DrSCBull	.64		4.75	-.05	+14.2
DrxEnBear	1.72f	21	28.60	+.29	+8.4
Dominion	3.20		81.15	+.07	+8.2
DukeEngy	3.58f	17	81.60	-.08	-2.7
DukeRlty		39	27.01	+.07	+9.5
DunBrad	.72f	20	28.19	+.09	+7.6
DynMatls		5	13.67	-.09	-9.2
EagleBulk		20	5.15	+.03	+3.5
EagleMat	.20	19	93.60	+.69	+6.2
EastChm	1.36	18	68.29	+.03	+6.4
EastGroup	1.74f	31	91.20	-.25	+5.1
EatonCp	2.20	15	71.29	-.03	+3.6
EchoGlbl			6.60	-.30	-5.0
EdisonInt	1.19e		71.31	-.21	+5.2
Ensco	.40		12.69	-.03	-5.3
EnbrdgEPt	1.60		15.68	-.03	-5.3
EnCapEner	.20		12.00	-.03	-5.3
Enerplus	.72		10.61	-.03	-5.3
EnhFrac	.08e		3.39	+.17	+4.6
EnLink	1.72	65	16.87	-.03	-5.3
EnSvcsOf		39	2.70	-.06	-9.0
EnterPrise	1.78	21	28.25	-.03	+5.3
EqtyRsd	2.45	21	63.70	-.03	+5.3
EssexPrty	6.40	35	239.00	-.03	+5.3
Exelon	1.52	18	43.92	-.03	+5.3
ExxonMbl	3.08	15	81.97	-.03	+5.3
FMC Corp	1.60	21	91.20	-.03	+5.3
FedRlty	3.04	31	124.00	-.03	+5.3
FidNatFn	.60	19	36.00	-.03	+5.3
FifthThird	.72f	29	29.19	-.03	+5.3
Finisar			19.77	-.03	+5.3
FirstEngy			17.00	-.03	+5.3
Flotek			57.82	-.03	+5.3
FordMotor		101	24.11	-.03	+5.3
FreePrt		15	18.11	-.03	+5.3
Fortinet		69	69.22	-.03	+5.3
FossilGrp		27	27.02	-.03	+5.3
FrontierCm		2.40	4.62	-.03	+5.3
GamGldLtr	n 2.52	35.09	-.37		
Gannett	2 120	69.87	-.98		
Gentex	.44	22	21.51	+.28	
GenMotors		7	37.39	+.03	
GlaxoSKln		2.26	77.38	+.01	
GlbX Rob n			21.60	-.13	
GlbX Uran n			5.99	-.03	
Gogo			3.74	-.16	
GoldLNGLtd		20	26.61	-.69	
Goodyear		9	5421	25.95	-.07
Graphite				6.19	-.07
Groupon				4.67	-.03
GulfPort				11.75	-.13
GulfSlphy				44.63	-.11
HanCnAlty				20.61	-.38
Hasbro		8	8.89	108.04	+12.11
HeclaM		20	21.35	+.68	
HelmPayne			116.45	-.05	
Hertz			15.18	+.06	
HessCorp		16	7.61	+.04	
HighTide		16a	7.61	+.04	
Hologic		97	41.71	+.29	
HomeDp			47.71	+.29	
HostHotel			17.99	+.13	
HuntBncsh			13.90	+.03	
HuntIngls		30	16.37	+.27	
IHS Mrkt			45.35	+.82	
Ilumin			73.25	-.01	
IndlGrnPw		74a	20.54	+.04	
IntRectifr		31	30.74	-.11	
IntlBcsh			37.50	+.03	
IntPap		1.20	53.47	+.03	
Intuit		1.68	33.47	+.03	
InvBnkCp			13.99	+.03	
IronMtn			34.50	+.03	
JPMorgCh		12	104.13	+.03	
JacobsEng			64.53	+.03	
JetBlue			19.50	+.03	
JohnJn		2.40	127.80	+.03	
JohnsnCtl			39.50	+.03	
KAR Auct			57.50	+.03	
KBR Inc			17.50	+.03	
KeyCorp			19.50	+.03	
KimbClk		3.76	124.50	+.03	
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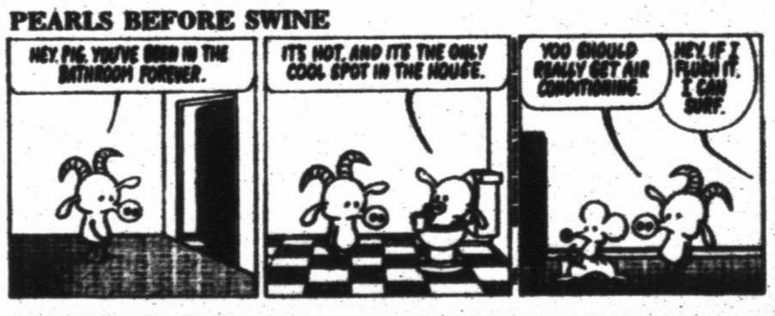

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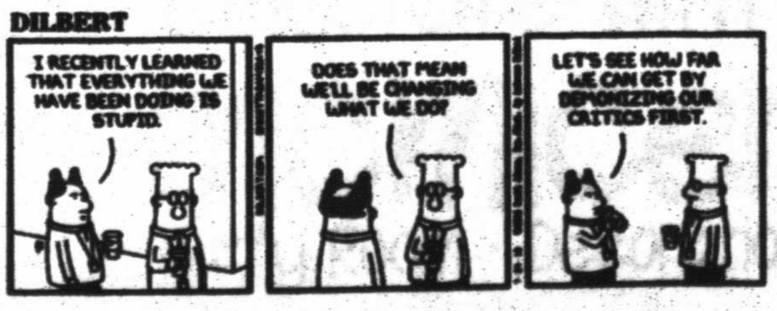

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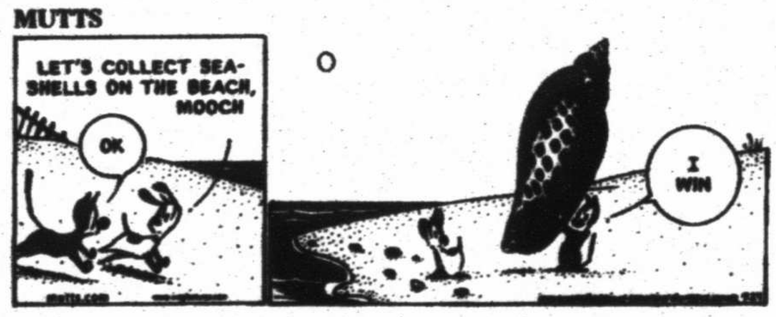

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Strawberry Fields Café

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ENERGY AND UTILITIES

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- On location, gather and effectively communicate information concerning stages completed, consumables used, personnel tracking and utilization of equipment in Microsoft Excel format
- Test all equipment, open well, go into the hole; make real time suggestions to insure well control

Secondary Responsibilities:

- Once job is completed, determine daily cost, final job ticket, and damages
- Perform all duties as assigned by the District Manager, Assistant District Manager, or Field Supervisor.

Education, Experience:

- High School Diploma/GED; PREFERRED: Associates Degree or Bachelor's Degree;
- 2 years related experience and/or training in the field; or equivalent combination of education and experience

Required Skills:

- 2 years of experience operating/performing maintenance on gate valves / frac stacks
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Daily, in-territory travel in an assigned company vehicle for business-related travel, service (i.e. inventory, order, stock, etc.) millwork products in assigned customer locations in a defined geographic region. Requirements include a valid driver's license with a proven safety record, computer skills and ability to lift 75 lbs. Excellent benefits provided. Drug screening and background checks are prerequisites to employment. Promptly apply online via http://www.scmdjobs.com, Job Title: Territory Service Rep (Requisition # 1825)

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Overnight Stocker - Seasonal

Position Description

Responsible for distributing and stocking merchandise throughout the store including caring for store equipment and cleaning hazardous materials spills. Also responsible for providing excellent customer service by greeting customers and assisting customers in locating, selecting, demonstrating, and loading of merchandise.

Job Requirements

- Requires late evening, night-time, and early morning availability any day of the week.
- Physical ability to move large, bulky and/or heavy merchandise.
- Physical ability to perform tasks that may require prolonged standing, stilting, and other activities necessary to perform job duties.

Minimum Qualifications

- Ability to read, write, and perform basic arithmetic (addition, subtraction).

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HILLIARD

Account Executive

As an Account Executive, you will be responsible for achieving individual sales goals. You will manage assigned resources and territory to ensure long-term business development and sales growth. Your mission will be to develop accounts via prospecting and strategic marketing. This is an outside sales position, past sales experience is required.

Qualifications:
- Must be aggressive and hardworking
- Excellent verbal and written communication skills
- Self-starter, ability to plan and implement territory sales strategy with limited supervision
- Ability to thrive in a competitive, goal-driven environment
- Ability to cold call and prospect for sales leads
- Must have a proven track record in this industry.

Job Benefits:
- Matching 401k
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Machine Shop Openings: Peak Completion Technologies, a Midland based oil tool company, is seeking experienced CNC machinists and machine operators. Peak offers modern equipment, an excellent benefits package and competitive pay in a drug free workplace.

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TECHNOLOGY

HILLIARD

Systems Administrator - Midland location:
Design, implement, troubleshoot, analyze and maintain the IT Infrastructure our customer environments, including network connectivity and utilization, Windows server administration, virtualization, performance tuning, backup and restore. Identifies, researches, and resolves technical problems. Familiar with a variety of the field's concepts, practices, and procedures. Relies on training, experience, and judgment to plan and budget time to accomplish goals. Performs a variety of complicated tasks, and provide support for escalated trouble tickets.

Candidates should be team players with excellent communication skills and have the ability to manage assignments independently. The ideal candidate will have a nurturing personality and the desire to help in the development and mentoring of level 1 technicians.

Systems Administrator Responsibilities:
- Create and maintain comprehensive documentation as it relates to server and network topology, equipment, and configuration(s).
- Create project plans, design, and implement solutions.
- Level 2 and Level 3 Support for problems identified with systems and network. Will act as an escalation for Level 1 and Level 2 Managed Services support technicians.
- Create, request, and present technical specifications and requirements for purchasing of new servers and networking equipment via quote procedure.
- Participate in after-hours upgrades, troubleshooting, and/or on-call availability as needed.
- Standard system administration duties including server install, System/Application install and patch management, Windows problem determination and escalation, log analysis, etc.
- Configure, test, and maintain LAN equipment and services, including switches, routers, firewalls, and VPN.
- Identify, diagnose, and resolve network problems including network connectivity, traffic utilization, etc. using available network tools in a timely fashion.
- Provide Infrastructure services in all areas needed: storage networking, Operating System, network security, directory services, server virtualization using system backup and restore, system and network monitoring, application installation and configuration.
- Assist with monthly reports and recommendations for Managed Services Clients
- Utilize superior customer service skills
- Stay current with system information, changes, and updates

Requirements:
- 5 -7 years of prior IT experience.
- Prior experience working for a service provider is a plus
- Experience working with Windows Desktop XP-10, Windows Server 2003 - 2012, VMware, SBS Server, Storage Technologies
- Hands on experience with Wired and Wireless networking, PC and server virtualization software, virus protection, backup systems.
- Microsoft certifications preferred
- MCSA, VCP & CCNA certifications are preferred

Skills:
- Effectively communicate by phone or in person.
- Strong written communication skills.
- Establish successful outcomes in handling difficult situations and work with various customers and management levels.
- Demonstrated ability to identify and troubleshoot critical issues
- Ability to work in a high-performance culture
- Manage multiple priorities and follow through on projects to completion
- Works effectively both as a team member and independently to resolve problems
- Effectively utilizes tools to resolve issues and escalates appropriately
- Network configuration, monitoring, and troubleshooting experience are a must
- Proven background in providing great customer service.
- Ability to work independently, prioritizes existing projects, and proactively determine areas requiring additional attention, monitoring, or maintenance
- Strong documentation skills

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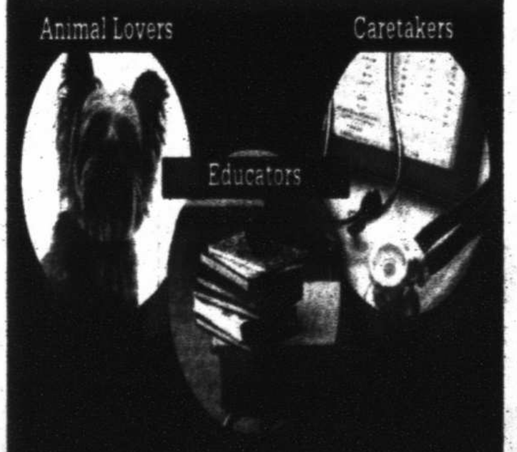

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DISTRICT 08 — Rule 37 Case No. 0306821
DATE OF ISSUANCE: Jul 17, 2018 — Status/Permit No. 830378
NOTICE OF PROTEST DEADLINE: 5:00 PM, Aug 21, 2018
Address: Railroad Commission of Texas
ATTN: Drilling Permit Unit
P. O. Box 12967
Austin, Texas 78711-2967
Fax: (512) 463-6780
Email: SWR37@RRC.TEXAS.GOV

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the PARSLEY ENERGY OPERATIONS, LLC, [RRC Operator No. 642652] has made application for a spacing exception permit under the provisions of Railroad Commission Statewide Rule 37 (16 Tex. Admin. Code section 3.37). Applicant seeks exception to the lease line distance requirement because the Applicant is less than the required Rule 37 lease line distance to an unleased or non-pooled interest within the subject unit for the AMENDED NEW DRILL permit in Sec. 1, Blk. X, HILLIARD, H P Survey, A-11, SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) Field, MIDLAND County, being 3.6 miles SW direction from MIDLAND, Texas.

PURSUANT TO THE TERMS of Railroad Commission rules and regulations, this application may be granted **WITHOUT A HEARING** if no protest to the application is received within the deadline. An affected person is entitled to protest this application. Affected persons include owners of record and the operator or lessees of record of adjacent tracts and tracts nearer to the proposed well than the minimum lease line spacing distance. If a hearing is called, the applicant has the burden to prove the need for an exception. A Protestant should be prepared to establish standing as an affected person, and to appear at the hearing either in person or by qualified representative and protest the application with cross-examination or presentation of a direct case. The rules of evidence are applicable in the hearing. If you have any questions regarding the hearing procedure, please contact the Commission's Docket Services Department at (512)463-6848. If you have questions which are specific to the Application or the information set forth in this Notice, please contact the Commission's Drilling Permit Unit at rule 37 (512)463-6751.

IF YOU WISH TO REQUEST A HEARING ON THIS APPLICATION, AN INTENT TO APPEAR IN PROTEST MUST BE RECEIVED IN THE RAILROAD COMMISSION'S AUSTIN OFFICE AT THE ADDRESS, FAX NUMBER, OR E-MAIL ADDRESS SET OUT ABOVE BY Aug 21, 2018 at 5:00 p.m. IF NO PROTEST IS RECEIVED WITHIN SUCH TIME, YOU WILL LOSE YOUR RIGHT TO PROTEST AND THE REQUESTED PERMIT MAY BE GRANTED ADMINISTRATIVELY.

THIS NOTICE OF APPLICATION REQUIRES PUBLICATION

The location and identity of the well is as shown below:

FIELD: SPRABERRY (TREND AREA)

Lease/Unit Name :	HOGAN 1-25B	
Lease/Unit Well No.:	2803H	
Lease/Unit Acres:	1283.77	
Nearest Lease Line (ft):	1.0	
Nearest Well on Lease (ft) :	651.0	
Lease Lines :	1889.0 F N L,	541.0 F WEST L
Survey Lines:	755.0 F South L,	541.0 F WEST L

Wellbore Profile(s) : Horizontal

Lateral: TH1
Penetration Point Location
Lease Lines: 1889.0 F N L, 541.0 F WEST L
Terminus Location
BH County: MIDLAND
Section: 25 Block: 39 T1S Abstract: 41
Survey: T&P RR CO
Lease Lines: 15.0 F SOUTH L, 335.0 F EAST L
Survey Lines: 62.0 F SOUTH L, 990.0 F WEST L

Field Rules for ALL fields on the permit application are as follows:

SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) : Special Rules 330/0, 80.0 acres.

This well is to be drilled to an approximate depth of 10000 feet.

If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the Applicant's representative, Monna Coleman, at (737)7042339.

Notice is hereby given that on Extra Space Storage will sell at public auction on August 10, 2018, to satisfy the lien of the owner, personal property described below belonging to those individuals listed below at the following locations:
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Karly Giles table and household goods, Cassandra Carrasco home goods
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Oxy USA Inc is applying to the Railroad Commission to surface commingle leases Weber 3514, Weber 3502 and Weber 3504. Production will be commingled into the Weber 3514 Battery, located in RRC District 08 in Howard County. Commingling production will result in reduced surface facility footprint and is the most effective means of producing the reserves.

Pursuant to Statewide Rules 26 and 27, interested parties must file objections or requests for hearing in writing to the Railroad Commission office within 21 days after publication, or the Commission may approve the application.

For questions pertaining to the application, please contact Sandra Musallam (713) 366-5106.

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Notice of Application for Surface Commingling

OXY USA INC is applying to the Railroad Commission to amend previously approved Commingle Permit #7902 to include leases Morris Grantham B 2304, Morris Grantham B2306 and Morris Grantham B 2308. Lease already included in the commingle permit are Robb and Robb Walter Unit. Production is from Spraberry (Trend Area) field. Production will be commingled at the Robb Tank Battery in RRC District 08 in Howard County.

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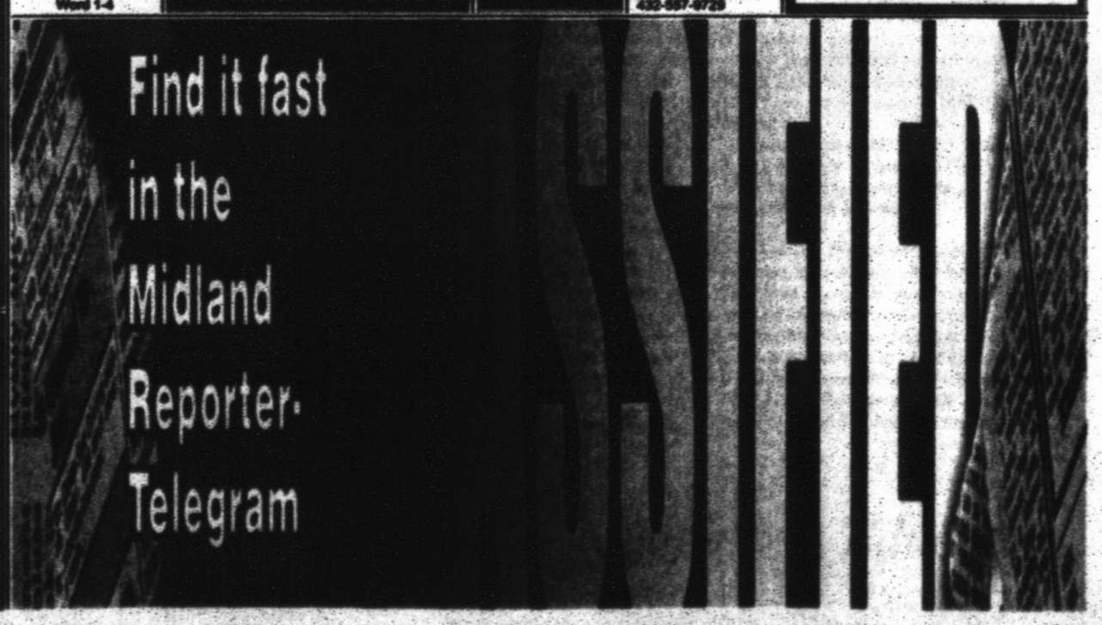

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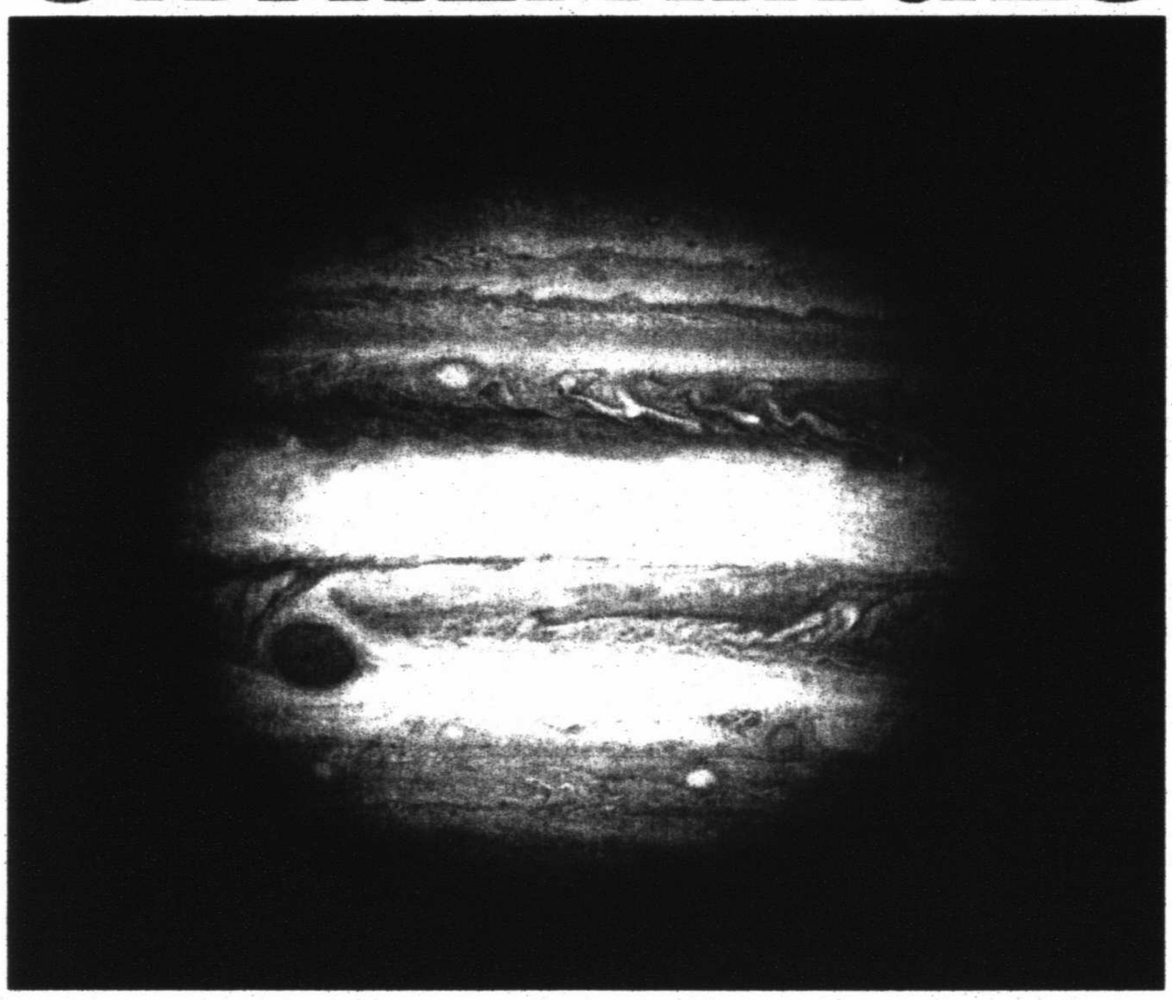

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This April 3, 2017 image made available by NASA shows the planet Jupiter. A team of astronomers is reporting the recent discovery of a dozen new moons circling the giant gas planet. That brings the number of moons at Jupiter to 79, the most of any planet. The astronomers were looking for objects on the fringes of the solar system when they spotted the Jupiter moons. They found a dozen small moons. The confirmation of 10 was announced July 17; two were confirmed earlier. They're calling one moon an 'oddball' because of its unusual orbit.

Jupiter's moon count reaches 79, including tiny 'oddball'

By Emiliano Rodriguez Mega
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Astronomers are still finding moons at Jupiter, 400 years after Galileo used his spyglass to spot the first ones.

The latest discovery of a dozen small moons brings the total to 79, the most of any planet in our solar system.

Scientists were looking for objects on the fringes of the solar system last year when they pointed their telescopes close to Jupiter's backyard, according to Scott Sheppard of the Carnegie Institute for Science in Washington. They saw a new group of objects moving around the giant gas planet but didn't know whether they were moons or asteroids passing near Jupiter.

"There was no eureka moment," said Sheppard, who led the team of astronomers. "It took a year to figure out what these objects were."

They all turned out to be moons of Jupiter. The confirmation of 10 was announced Tuesday. Two were confirmed earlier.

The moons had not been spotted before because they are tiny. They are about one to two kilometers (miles) across, said astronomer Gareth Williams of the International Astronomical Union's Minor Planet Center.

And he thinks Jupiter might have even more moons just as small waiting to be found.

"We just haven't observed them enough," said Williams, who helped confirm the moons' orbits.

The team is calling one of the new moons an 'oddball' because of its unusual orbit. Sheppard's girlfriend came up with a name for it: Valetudo, the great-granddaughter of the Roman god Jupiter.

Valetudo is in Jupiter's distant, outer swarm of moons that circles in the opposite direction of the planet's rotation. Yet it's orbiting in the same direction as the planet, against the swarm's traffic.

"This moon is going down the highway the wrong way," Sheppard said.

Scientists believe moons like Valetudo and its siblings appeared soon after Jupiter formed. The planet must have acted like a vacuum, sucking up all the material that was around it. Some of that debris was captured as moons.

"What astonishes me about these moons is that they're the remnants of what the planet formed from," he said.

Telescopes in Chile, Hawaii and Arizona were used for the latest discovery and confirmation.

Galileo detected Jupiter's four largest moons, Io, Europa, Ganymede and Callisto in 1610. The latest count of 79 known planets includes eight that have not been seen for several years. Saturn is next with 61, followed by Uranus with 27 and Neptune with 14. Mars has two, Earth has one and Mercury and Venus have none.

The scent of a storm: Here's why lightning emits smell

By Matthew Cappucci
Washington Post

You've seen it, you've heard it, but have you ever smelled it? As bizarre as it sounds, lightning has a distinct odor. But unlike its blinding flash or deafening roar, the scent of a lightning bolt is much more subtle. In fact, you've probably experienced it before.

Whenever lightning strikes, it heats the air to 50,000 degrees. The rapid expansion of the air produces a sonic boom that you hear as thunder. However, at the molecular scale, chemical changes can alter the atmosphere on a highly local level and leave behind an aroma.

The air is 78 percent nitrogen and barely 20 percent oxygen. Neither nitrogen nor oxygen typically exists in its elemental form in the atmosphere. Instead, two of each pair up as N2 or O2. When the lightning heats the air, it splits the bonds between them - and that's when random Ns or Os can start hopping around.

Most of the atoms pair back up once the air cools. But some reshuffle. Some of the O atoms combine with O2, producing O3: ozone. It's unusual to get large concentrations of ozone at the surface, and it has a distinct scent. It is noticeable right after a lightning strike.

Ryan Long, 20, experienced this himself in Oxford, Alabama, in June. "I was at work in an old building atop a hill in the cemetery," Long said. "Suddenly there was a blinding white spark of light," he recalled. Lightning struck just yards away.

"It sent static up my arm," he said. "It smelled like something inorganic burning, like wires or plastic." Others have compared the odor to chlorine, cleaning supplies or, unsurprisingly, electrical sparks.

Odds are, you've smelled lightning-produced ozone before. You know that clean, crisp smell ahead of a springtime rain? That's it. Even if there's barely any lightning, there are still trace amounts of lightning-produced ozone and nitrogen dioxide in the air scattered about the storm. When the gust front of a storm carries it out ahead of the rain, you can smell it before it's "scavenged" to the ground.

The human nose can detect ozone concentrations as little as 10 parts per billion. That's the equivalent of three teaspoons of water in an Olympic-size swimming pool. You may smell it when doing laundry, too. Those little static sparks between clothes coming out of your drier act as miniature lightning bolts, producing just enough ozone for you to get a whiff.

Next time you're in a thunderstorm, take a big ol' deep breath. You may just be smelling lightning.

Online reviews have really changed our shopping habits

Dear PropellerHeads: There's a set of "Three's Company" commemorative plaques I'm dying to buy but there are no reviews yet. They feature Terri vs. Chrissy, so this might be a bad investment. How important are online reviews in helping me make purchasing decisions?

A: First, let me just say, this is a very specific inquiry.

Second, let me say that it does mention something that this PropellerHead thinks has changed online and brick-and-mortar commerce much in the same way point-of-sale, self-checkout and free shipping have been game changers.

I realize online reviews for products is not a new practice, but let's step back for a moment and really think about how this has changed our shopping habits. Can you remember the last time (or a single time) you purchased an item from Amazon without reading the reviews?

On deeper inspection, riddle me this…

When you searched for "Cat Calendar" and over 2000 results came back, you're telling me that the five-star review on 2018 Fat Cat Wall Calendar (amzn.to/2JMAG05) wasn't an important factor in making that purchase? When someone takes the time to share, "The pictures are hilarious and obviously no cats were harmed in making this. Some cats are just fat" you know that's some honest and influential feedback.

In sticking with the world's largest online retailer, Amazon shares information with sellers and potential sellers about the importance of their online review process (bit.ly/2K1T2th). Highlights include that research suggests that 90% of consumers find online reviews influential in their purchasing decisions. Also, Amazon has strictly banned sponsored reviews and if it even suspects a seller of routing sponsored or inaccurate reviews to its product page, that seller will be banned.

That unravels another layer to the online purchaser review process. Many retailers give products to consumers for free in order to receive reviews. According to FTC Endorsement Guides, it must be disclosed if reviews are sponsored. More specific FAQs at bit.ly/1FRMynQ give a nice snapshot of the types of scenarios and gray areas online influencers and reviewers are concerned with.

In short, if you received the item for free, or were paid or compensated in any way for your opinion, you have to let us know. It's common to see notes from large retailers like Target in the reviews that say that the customer received the item in exchange "for their honest feedback". For real, Target, how do I get on that list (bit.ly/2hYhG1I)? Why don't you just meet me in the middle?

Review culture also goes hand-in-hand with instant gratification, free expedited shipping, free returns, and the high levels of customer service we have all come to expect from retailers. There is a reason customers choose to do business with companies like Amazon, Target, Nordstrom, USAA, and Ritz Carlton. Based on personal experiences or those we read in reviews, we know that these organizations make doing business with them easy and when something isn't right, they do what it takes to make it right.

Just this week I had to cut ties with a retailer for not refunding or replacing a defective $7.00 item. I have spent hundreds of dollars with this retailer, which by the way is struggling financially, and they wouldn't correct a $7.00 mistake. They have now lost a customer and one that will and has told the general public about the experience in person and online. Do you think its customer service policies or lack thereof contributed to its financial difficulties? Do you think my negative review will ultimately affect another customer's purchasing decisions?

My gut (and research - bit.ly/2o7uQJf) tell me yes.

Third (I know the second point was long), Chrissy all the way. Terri was lame. I have not been paid or compensated for this review in any way.

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